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Peter D. Schmitt was born in Luxemburgh, Germany, and came to America at the age of fourteen. He came to this country in 1868 because Europe was torn with war and strife at that time. He smuggled himself out of Germany in a barrell, and was not discovered until the ship, on which the barrell was shipped, was well out to sea.

After landing in America Peter Schmitt came directly to Chicago, Illinois, where he worked for two and one half years. He then came to Saint Cloud township where he was employed by Barney Dockemeyer on a farm south of Saint Cloud, where the Beautler Brick Yards now are located.

In 1881 Peter D. Schmitt was married to Threasa Dockemeyer, and they took over the management of her fathers farm, her father, Barney Dockemeyer, went to live at the Saint Gabriel home, where he died at the age of eighty-two years. Peter D. Schmitt was born on October 14, 1854. Threasa, his wife, was born on March 12, 1861 on her father's farm south of Saint Cloud.

To Peter D. and Threasa (Dockemeyer) Schmitt were born five children. Bernard, the eldest, died on May 10, 1925 from an infection received from a piece of steel while working at the Great Northern Car shops in Saint Cloud. He was forty-three years old. Helen, born on October 23, 1884. Elizabeth, born on October 15, 1886. Frances, born on July 15, 1900. Jack, born on February 12, 1892. Rose, born on September 27, 1903. Elizabeth, is married to Levi Jernberg, Frances is now Mrs. Mike Sauer. Rose and Helen are unmarried and employed by the Saint Cloud Laundry, where they have worked for many years. Jack is in the soft drink business in Saint Cloud in partnership with Frank Weibel. In 1908 Peter and Threasa Schmitt came to Saint Cloud disposing of their farm and buying a home here. Peter Schmitt was employed by

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Rosenberger and Dyer in the foundry for two years. He then went to work for the International Harvester Company where he worked for many years.

Threase (Dockemeyer) Schmitt died September 22, 1930 at the age of sixty-nine years. Peter Schmitt died three years later at the age of seventy-nine years on November 12, 1933.

Interviewed: Mrs. Elizabeth Spence
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Bernard Dockinger (Bernard Dockemeyer

Age 35

Sex

Male

Occupation

Farmer

Born

Hanover

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

CORRECTION: Spelling of Magdalen is correct as stated in the legal records.

CORRECTION: Spelling of Maria B. Rose is correct as stated in the legal records.

CORRECTION: Birth of Jack April 15, 1894 is correct as stated in the legal records.

CORRECTION: Birth of Bernard May 10, 1882 is correct as stated in the legal records.

AFFIRMED: Birth of Magdalen October 23, 1884 is correct as stated in the biography.

CORRECTION: Birth of Elizabeth October 15, 1888 is correct as stated in the legal records.

CORRECTION: Birth of Jack April 15, 1894 is correct as stated in the legal records.

ADDITION: Frances born July 15, 1900.

AFFIRMED: Birth of Maria B. Rose September 27, 1903 is correct as stated in the biography.

CORRECTION: Death of Peter November 10, 1932 is correct as stated in the legal records.

CORRECTION: Birth of Peter September 21, 1854 is correct as stated in the legal records.

CORRECTION: Birth of Thresia March 12, 1861 is correct as stated in the legal records.

CORRECTION: Death of Bernard November 19, '25 is correct as stated in the legal records.

AFFIRMED: Correct spelling of family name is Schmitt.

Note: Several years ago family began calling themselves Smith but Schmitt is correct.

Reinterviewed: Maria B. Rose Smith
Elizabeth (Schmitt) Jernberg Spence
February 16, 1938

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