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SCHNEIDER, ANTON

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Anton Schneider was born February 20, 1862 in Bohemia, Austria, the son of John and Rosalia (Huschka) Schneider, now deceased in Austria.

He received a common school education in Austria, and as a young man assisted with the work on two large farms which his father John Schneider, owned and operated there.

In the year 1881, at the age of nineteen Anton Schneider left his native land to escape the forced military service in Austria, and in company with Valentine Bier and his family came to America.

After landing at New York, he at once came west to Jamesville, Wisconsin where he found work on the William Walkers farm. Here he remained for five years and then with a desire to start farming for himself and having previously heard of the cheap land available in Minnesota, came to Stearns County in search of a favorable tract of land. This he found in Albany township, where he purchased 80 acres of the old Platz homestead, located one mile south of the village of Albany in section 27, at a price of \$10.00 an acre. In later years he added to this original tract and today the farm consists of 172 acres.

When Anton Schneider first arrived on the land, every foot of it was covered with heavy timber and it took years of hard work to render the land tillable, as the entire work of grubbing was done by hand with the aid of a grub hoe. The timber, which today would bring a good price, was then hauled on large piles and burned because there was no market for the wood.

The first buildings that Anton Schneider erected on his farm were of log construction. In 1905, the old log home was replaced by a large modern home and three years later in 1908 he also erected on his farm a large barn with all modern conveniences. During the first years wheat was the chief crop on the Schneider farm but due to the wild oats menace, which made its appearance after the grasshopper scourge, when seed which contained wild oats was shipped in from other states Anton Schneider cut down on wheat raising and planted a great deal of corn to combat the wild oats. In 1897 when the first creamery was built at Albany he went into dairying extensively and soon built up one of the finest dairy herds in the community.

On January 13, 1891, Anton Schneider married Anna Habiger. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Conrad, O. S. B. in the Seven Dolors Church in Albany. The attendants were John, Emily, and Jos. Habiger and Amelia Fischer.

Anna Habiger was born August 17, 1866 at Remmigt, Austria the daughter of Frank Senias and Katherine (Platz) Habiger.

She received a common school education in Austria and at the age of sixteen in the year 1882, she came to America with her parents who settled on a farm near Albany. Shortly after her arrival she found employment at St. Paul and remained there until the time of her marriage.

Today after having spent the greater part of their lives on the farm which they transformed into one of the finest dairy farms of the county Anton Schneider and wife are still very active and enjoying the best of health. Anton and Anna (Habiger) Schneider are the parents

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of nine children.

Anton Joseph, born September 22, 1891, at home; Emily Catherine, born November 25, 1892, teacher, at home; William Christ, born September 3, 1894 died on pneumonia at Camp Dodge, Iowa May 2, 1918. Buried at Albany. Martha Magdalena Lorraine, born January 20, 1896, teacher resides in California at present.

Anna Maria Ida, born June 16, 1898,,a teacher is Mrs. John Von Bokern of Fairmont, North Dakota. They have two children.

Henry Frank, born October 5, 1901 married Mary Ordner and they reside at Rush City, Minnesota of which he is postmaster. They have three children.

George Albert, born February 22, 1903 operates the Chevolet Garage at Rush City, Minnesota. He married Josephine Schunicht and they have two children.

Andrew Michael, born July 20, 1906 a teacher, at present operates a farm south of Albany.

Ervin Charles, born June 5, 1911 teaches in High School at Conception Junction, Missouri.

Interviewed: Anton Schneider
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FOR THE ANTON SCHNEIDER BIOGRAPHY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Anton J. Schneider	Sept. 22, 1891	Albany	Anton Schneider	28
2. Emalias K. "	Dec. 24, 1892	"	" "	27
3. Magdalena M. "	Jan. 30, 1897	"	" "	32
4. Anna M. Schneider	June 16, 1899	"	" "	34
5. Henry F. "	Oct. 5, 1901	"	" "	32
6. Andrew Schneider	Aug. 1, 1906	"	" "	41

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Anna	25	1891 B1	7	33	
2. Anna	20	1892 B2	6	49	
3. Anna	26	1897 B7	1	10	
4. Anna	27	1899 B9	4	3	
5. Anna	30	1901 B11	9	1	
6. Anna	36	C	4	1	

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Anton Schneider and Anna Habiger

Married at Albany January 13, 1891

By: Rev. Conrad Glatzmaier O. S. B.

Witnesses: John Habiger and Amalia Fisher