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SCHWARTZ, RUDOLPH

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Rudolph Schwartz was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, on September 14, 1853, the son of Christian Schwartz.

Christian Schwartz was born and raised in Germany. When he married, he made his home in Mecklenburg. There were five children, who are: Gustave; Theodore; Ida; Louise; and Rudolph. The four former ones remained in Germany to make their homes, while Rudolph came to America.

Rudolph left Germany in 1882 and came to Wisconsin where he remained for one year. Duluth, Minnesota, was his next home for a while. Finally, he came to Manannah, Minnesota, which is situated in Meeker county. He was a blacksmith by trade and he set up a shop in that village which he operated until the fall of 1892.

On September 21, 1886, Rudolph married Addie Shepherd, daughter of Charles and Adeline (Hartman) Shepherd of Meeker county. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Reverend O. H. Campbell, at the bride's home.

Charles Shepherd was born in Antwerp, Belgium, in 1826. He had one sister, Rose.

Adeline (Hartman) Shepherd was a native of Germany. She had one sister and two brothers, who are: Katharine; Peter; and John. They came to America and settled in Wisconsin.

When the call came for soldiers in the Civil War, Charles Shepherd enlisted in Company A-15 1st Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He served until August 22, 1865 when he was discharged, and returned to Wisconsin.

The following year they went to Meeker county, Minnesota, where they settled on Section 20 of Manannah township.

Charles and Adeline (Hartman) Shepherd were the parents of twelve children, they are: Maihial; Edward; Fredrick; George; Birt; John; Frank; Pete; Miles; Katharine; Josephine; and Addie.

Rudolph and Addie(Shepherd) Schwartz lived in the village of Manannah until November 1, 1892 when Rudolph sold his blacksmith business and moved with his family to Paynesville, Stearns County, Minnesota. Here he again went into the blacksmith business. Later he operated a garage in connection with his shop.

Their three children, Theodore; Arthur; and Lillian, were all born in Manannah.

The eldest, Theodore, was born August 18, 1887. He was educated in the public school and High School of Paynesville. Theodore married Hazel Albertson, the daughter of A. L. Albertson. They lived in Joliet, Illinois, and their two sons, Gerald and Kenneth, were born there. Theodore passed away on April 29, 1925.

Arthur Schwartz was born November 8, 1889. He was also educated in the Schools of Paynesville. He served in the United States Army in the 311<sup>th</sup> Engineer's Company B. for thirteen months, during the World War. He ran the garage and blacksmith shop in Paynesville for a great many years. He married Lillian Hanson of Staples, Minnesota, and they have two children, who are: Patricia; and Robert A. Arthur and his family are living at Houston, Minnesota.

Lillian Schwartz was born June 14, 1891. She also received her education in the Paynesville Public Schools. She married Edwin Hein of



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Paynesville township. They live in Paynesville where Edwin is employed in the Big Store.

Rudolph Schwartz was a member of the I. O. O. F. and Workmen Lodges. He died June 22, 1917, and was laid to rest in the Paynesville cemetery.

Christian Schwartz and his wife are both buried in Germany.

Charles Shepherd died October 29, 1899. Burial was made in the Manannah cemetery beside his wife, Adeline (Hartman) Shepherd, who passed away on November 4, 1892.

Addie (Shepherd) Schwartz is residing in Paynesville at the present time.

Interviewed: Addie (Shepherd) Schwartz  
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