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Mr. John Schwarz was born in Trimbs, Germany on March 26th 1824. He was reared in his native land serving in the army and also holding the position of Mayor of Polch, Germany.

He came to America in 1852. Living and working for two years in Buffalo, New York and in Chicago Illinois.

In 1854 he came to St. Cloud and purchased 160 acres of government land in section 15 now 24th Avenue St. Cloud. At the time of his purchase he paid \$1.25 per acre. On these 160 acres he built a log cabin and started farming. Some time later he purchased a frame house in Sauk Rapids and moved it onto his property in St. Cloud. He operated this farm until his death, April 30, 1892.

On May 3rd, 1855 Mr. John Schwarz married Catherine Rengel daughter of Peter and Anna Catherine (Schwab) Rengel. Catherine Rengel was born in Gafanack, Germany on May 6th 1832. The Schwab family came to America in 1847 and located in Chicago.

The John Schwarz home was used to good advantage in the early days during the founding of St. Cloud. Father Frances X. Pierz conducted church services in the home using a table, which is still among the family treasures, as the altar. The family home was also used for many years as a voting place.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwarz had twelve children, Mary married John Brick in 1881 and later after his death she married Peter Irmiter and they have one son Hubert. They live in Chicago. Peter married Susan Schindler, they had nine children, Rosa married Conrad Fuchs and they have five children, Andrew is married and has three children. Annie and Ledwina live at home. The other children

of Mr. and Mrs. John Schwarz are dead.

After Mr. Schwarz died Mrs. Schwarz moved to 10th Avenue north. Where she lived until August 12, 1926 on which date she died being in her 94th year of life

Interviewed: Miss Ledwina Schwarz
Date: May 1, 1936
By: Mrs. Tresa Gruber

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John Swartz (Schwarz)	Age 36
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Birth Place	Prussia
Catherine Schwarz	Age 27
Sex	Female
Birth Place	Prussia
Mary Schwarz	Age 4
Sex	Female
Birth Place	Minnesota
Peter Schwarz	Age 2
Sex	Male
Birth Place	Minnesota
Joseph Schwarz	Age 1
Sex	Male
Birth Place	Minnesota