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Among the early settlers and pioneers we have John Seifert who was born September 8, 1850, a son of Ludwig and Philomenia Seifert natives of Germany.

Ludwig and Philomenia Seifert came to America in the early 1840's and settled in Pennsylvania, where John was born and received his early childhood education, and when John was twelve years old his folks, Ludwig and Philomenia Seifert, came to Stearns County and settled in Saint Wendel Township on a homestead, which required much hard labor to improve and clear the land, as it was heavily wooded with timber. The buildings on the early homesteads were built out of logs and as time went along the early settlers prospered and acquired more land and improved their farms rapidly. In 1877 John Seifert took over his father's farm and started farming for himself.

John Seifert was married to Mathilda Eich a daughter of Joseph and Crescenzia (Scheibel) Eich who were natives of Germany and came to America and settled on a homestead in Saint Wendel Township and were neighbors of the Seiferts, in Sections 24 and 25 of Township 125 North, Range 29 West. On this homestead Mathilda Eich was born August 31, 1858.

To John and Mathilda (Eich) Seifert were born twelve children, seven are living at the present date: John Seifert, of Barnesville, Minnesota; Louis, and Micheal Seifert, of International Falls, Minnesota; Alfred Seifert, on the farm in Saint Wendel township, Stearns County, Minnesota; Ida, Mrs. John Kosel, residing on the Seifert homestead in St. Wendel Township; Anna, Mrs. Frank Kruchten, of Alberta, Canada; and Sophia, Mrs. Paul Jacobs, of Saint Cloud, Minnesota. Joseph Seifert, died in 1924. Edward Seifert, died in 1920. Frank Seifert, died in 1902, and two children died in infancy. All of the deceased have been buried in the Saint Joseph Cemetery, Saint Joseph, Minnesota.

John Seifert farmed the family homestead, in Saint Wendel township, until his death July 9, 1916. Mathilda (Eich) Seifert died October 6, 1932 and both were buried in the family lot in Saint Joseph's Cemetery.

(Seifert)
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Joseph Eich	Age 30
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Born	Bavaria

Line 16

Grasena Eich	Age 26
Sex	Female
Born	Bavaria

Line 17

Joseph Eich	Age 6
Sex	Male
Born	New York

Line 18

France M. Eich	Age 3
Sex	Male
Born	Minnesota

Line 19

Mary M. Eich	Age 1
Sex	Female
Born	Minnesota