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Among the early residents of Stearns County we find Carl Sell, who was born June 30, 1861 in Laubs, Pummer, Germany. Carl Sell was a son of William and Minnie Sell, both parents being of German nativity, the father died in Germany in 1866, when Carl was but five years old. The mother, Minnie Sell, came to America and settled in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1885.

Carl Sell received his early childhood education in Germany where he attended the rural school from the age of six to fourteen years.

Carl Sell states that when he was nine years of age he attended school for two hours a day from six to eight o'clock in the morning of the summer months, and the rest of the day he had to work at some small job or another in order to help make a living for himself and the rest of the family. In the winter months they attended school all day. When he was sixteen years old he was compelled to work as his father was not in the best of health.

Carl Sell served in the German Army when he was twenty years old for two years, and in 1884 he decided to come to America, the "promised land" as everybody called it in Germany. Carl Sell came directly to St. Paul, Minnesota, and worked at different laboring jobs, and in 1887 he was employed by the Great Northern Railway Company, in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he worked for four years and in 1891 he was transferred to St. Cloud, Minnesota and continued to work for the Railway Company until 1926 when he was retired.

In 1886 Carl Sell was married in the German Luthern Church of St. Cloud, Minnesota to Amelia Dallmann who was a native of Germany and came to America in 1884. She came directly to St. Paul, Minnesota. The marriage was performed by Reverend Ralph, Pastor of the German Luthern Church. To Carl and Amelia (Dallmann) Sell were born eight children:

three died in infancy; Ferdinand Sell, died when nine years old; Henry Sell, died in 1933; Charles Sell, of St. Cloud, Minnesota is employed by the Great Northern Railway; William Sell, employed by the Powell Hardware Company, of St. Cloud, Minnesota; Gustaf Sell, employed at the North Star Granite Company of St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Amelia (Dallmann) Sell died in 1917 and was buried in North Star Cemetery, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Carl Sell lives at 600 11th Avenue North, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

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