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SPODEN, HUBERT

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Hubert Spoden was born in Germany in 1870 and came to Minnesota with his parents when he was six years old. He lived on his father's homestead near Cold Spring up to the time of his marriage. Hubert had three brothers and a sister, Edward, Mathias, Peter, and Sussan (Spoden) Bartel.

Hubert was married to Catherine Hankel October 2, 1886. Catherine was a daughter of Fred Hankel who came from Germany and first settled in Ohio where he remained for four years. He then came to Minnesota and homesteaded a farm at Saint Nicholas, Luxenburg township, which he later sold, and bought a larger and more improved farm. The Hankels lived on their farm until the time of their death. Mr. Fred Hankel died in 1925 and Mrs. Fred Hankel died in 1921. Both were buried in Saint Nicholas.

Catherine Hankel attended the Saint Nicholas school until she was fourteen years of age, after which she worked on the home farm until her marriage to Hubert Spoden.

In 1886 Hubert and Catherine (Hankel) Spoden farmed four years near Rockville, Minnesota. They then came to Saint Cloud where Hubert Spoden got work in the car shops of the Great Northern Railway. He remained there until he was unable to work.

Hubert and Catherine (Hankel) Spoden had four children who are: Fred, on a farm at Fort Ripley; Mary who is married to Peter Kleis in St. Cloud; Valentine who lives in Saint Augusta; and Frances is a nurse at the Saint Cloud Hospital. There are eight grandchildren.

Interviewed: Mrs. Catherine (Hankel) Spoden  
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