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STALBOERGER, ANDREW

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Andrew Stalboerger was born in Klasser, Prussia, Germany, May 29, 1844, the son of Gerhard Henry and Elizabeth (Klipper) Stalboerger. The first wife of Gerhard Stalboerger died at an early age leaving two sons, Gerhard and Henry. He later married Elizabeth Klipper and the third son, Andrew, was born. The father, Gerhard, and the son Henry, died in Germany, and in 1852 Elizabeth Stalboerger and two sons, Gerhard and Andrew, came to America. The voyage, on a sailing vessel, occupied four weeks.

For four years they lived in Iowa and in 1856 they came to Stearns County and settled in Spring Hill township, where the mother and each of her sons obtained claims. They erected a cabin with the ground for a floor, and "shakes" for shingles, and here started pioneer life.

Andrew Stalboerger received the patent for his homestead in 1863, the homestead being the farm now occupied by his son, John, four miles west of the village of Spring Hill. His first crop of grain was hauled with an ox and a horse to St. Paul from where he returned with provisions. The trip back and forth required three weeks. He also had to flee from the Indians on several occasions in the early years.

Elizabeth (Klipper) Stalboerger died in 1877 and Gerhard Stalboerger died in 1897.

On June 28, 1876 Andrew Stalboerger was married to Anna Laehr of St. Joseph and they lived on their farm in Spring Hill until October, 1908, when they retired and moved to Melrose.

Andrew Stalboerger increased his farm to 320 acres and erected modern buildings. He was assessor for Spring Hill township for several years and was also chairman for the Board of Supervisors. He helped build the Church of St. Michael at Spring Hill, and was interested and active in many enterprises tending to the progress of his community. He was a man of sterling character, devoted to his family, his church and his community. He had faith in his community and by the exercise of good judgement and hard labor he progressed and became prosperous.

Andrew and Anna (Laehr) Stalboerger had nine children, the daughters became: Mrs. Herman Hallerman (deceased); Mrs. Walter Winter, (deceased); Mrs. John Schroeder of St. Joseph; Mrs. Conrad Hieserich, Spring Hill; Mrs. J. F. Winter, Waubun. The sons are: John, of Spring Hill; H. G., of Melrose; Peter, of Houston, Texas; Edward, of Melrose.

Andrew Stalboerger died at Melrose, Minnesota on January 14, 1927.

Interviewed:

Date: January 20, 1927 from
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To be added to Stalboerger biography.

Gerhard Stalbeorger, Jr., the first settler in Lake Geroge township was a native of Germany. He came to America in 1852, and after remaining a short time in Iowa, came to Minnesota and settled on his farm in Lake George in 1856.

The first marriage in the town was in 1857 when Gerhard Stalboerger and Anna Mayer were married. Their first child was the first birth (1859) and also the first death in the township, the infant dying at the age of three months.

TAKEN FROM THE CENSUS RECORDS OF 1860

Enumerated on July 2, 1860 -- By C. Grandelmeyer

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Stalboerger, Gerhard	Age: 31
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farming
Born	Austria
Stalboerger, Anna	Age: 25
Sex	Female
Born	Prussia
Stalboerger, Cathern	Age: 1
Sex	Female
Born	Minnesota
Stalboerger, Elizabeth	Age: 50
Sex	Female
Born	Prussia
Stalboerger, Andrew	Age: 16
Sex	Male
Born	Prussia
Occupation	Farm Laborer

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

FOR THE ANDREW STALBOERGER BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK E. PAGE 364

Andrew Stalboerger and Anna Laehr

Married at St. Michael, June 29, 1876

By: Rev. Simplius Wimmer

Witnesses: John Laehr and Anna Spanius

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK W. PAGE 12554

Walter W. Winter and Katherine Stalboerger

Married at Melrose, November 25, 1913

By: Rev. B. Richter

Witnesses: Raymond Winter and Annie Schroeder

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK R. PAGE 8982

Conrad Hieserich and Gertrud Stalboerger

Married at Spring Hill, June 9, 1903

By: Rev. Francis Britcher

Witnesses: August Hierserich and Annie Stalboerger

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK P. PAGE 7540

Joannem Schroeder and Elizabeth Stalboerger

Married at Spring Hill, June 14, 1898

By: Rev. J. E. Gratz

Witnesses: Frank Simon and Peter Laehr

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK S. PAGE 9875

John F. Winter and Mary E. Stalboerger

Married at Spring Hill, June 12, 1906

By: Rev. Francis Britcher

Witnesses: John G. Winter and Annie Stalboerger

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK V. PAGE 11925

Herman Hollerman and Anna Stalberger

Married at Melrose, May 13, 1912

By: Rev. B. Richter

Witnesses: Frank Hinnenkamp and Catherine Stalberger

DEATH RECORD BOOK K, Page 23, Line 741

Katherine Winter, Born in Minnesota, February 10, 1886.

Daughter of Andrew Stalboerger and Anna Laehr

Died November 3, 1918.

Age 32 years 8 months 23 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK A, Page 54, Line 2

Elizabeth Stalboerger died October 14, 1877.

Age 68 years 4 months and 28 days.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Anna Stalboerger	May 14, 1881	Spring Hill	Andrew Stalberger	
2. Anna Stalboerger	May 26, 1883	Spring Hill	Andrew Stalberger	
3. Elizabeth Stalberger	May 24, 1877	Spring Hill	Andrew Stalberger	
4. John Stalberger	Feb 11, 1885	Spring Hill	Andrew Stalberger	
5. Kate Stalberger	Feb 10, 1887	Spring Hill	Andrew Stalberger	

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Anna Stalberger		A	469	28	
2. Anna Stalberger		A	577	37	
3. Anna Stalberger		A	285	17	
4. Anna Stalberger		B	40	16	
5. Anna Stalberger		B	102	4	