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John Steinworth was born in Steinheim, Westphalen, Germany, February 6, 1861. He received his education in Germany, and also learned the trade of brick-laying. John Steinworth married Mary Kropp the 20th day of October, 1888.

Mary (Kropp) Steinworth was born November 20, 1863, the daughter of Anton and Carolina Kropp also of Westphalen, Germany. Mary was one of a family of six children. John Kropp, a brother of Mary (Kropp) Steinworth, came to America in 1882 and Carl, another brother, came over in 1883. They came to St. Cloud, Minnesota, where they visited with friends. They sent word back to Germany telling of the satisfaction they found in living here, so it came about that John and Mary (Kropp) Steinworth came to St. Cloud. They had one son born in Germany, and six born in St. Cloud, Minnesota. John, the oldest, died at the age of twenty-five years. Charles married Helen Schroeder, they have three children and one deceased. Charles is employed at the St. Cloud Post Office. Anton married Dorothy Burges, they have four children, Anton is a salesman for the Kellogg Company. Leo married Bee Allison both are employed by the St. Cloud Floral, which is owned by Mr. Allison. Mary married George Egerman they have seven children, George Egerman is also employed at the St. Cloud Post Office. Clara married George Hardy, they have two sons and live in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Arriving in St. Cloud in 1891 they rented a home on Seventh Avenue South for a short time. John Steinworth then purchased a home on Eighth Avenue between Eighth and Ninth Street South. At this time St. Cloud was sparcely populated and Lake George extended almost to Seventh Avenue South. One of John Steinworth's neighbors was John Sloan a great fisherman, he was part Indian and had for a wife a full blooded Indian squaw. They had many pow-wows in their back yard, to the disgust of the neighbors. Mrs. Sloan sewed many base-balls for the Steinworth boys. They made their living sewing mocasins.

John Steinworth worked for the Kropp Brothers as brick-layer, and helped to build the Preiss and Wimmer Brewery, the Normal School, and also the Eden Valley and Clear Lake Churches and many other buildings in Saint Cloud.

Mrs. Steinworth died November 8, 1932 and is buried in the Calvary Cemetery.

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