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TANGEN, JOHN K.

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John Tangen was born in Flaa, Hallingdahl, Norway, on November 3, 1843.

On December 2, 1866, John Tangen married Marie Hanson in Flaa, Norway. She was a daughter of Kunte Hanson. She was born on November 1, 1847. After their marriage, they came to America and settled in Rock Prairie, Wisconsin. Then they moved to Winnebago County, Iowa.

In 1914, they moved to a farm near Brooten, Minnesota where they lived for some time. They then moved into Brooten village where they lived until their death.

Ten children were born to John and Marie (Hanson) Tangen. Two daughters and one son died. The others are Knut, of Hawley, Minnesota; Gurina, Mrs. Ole Haugen, of Lemmon, South Dakota; Henry of Edgerton, Alberta, Canada; Rande, Mrs. Albert Anderson of Lake Mills, Iowa; and Thea, Mrs. Ellef Olson, of Oak Park, Minnesota. There are thirty-four grandchildren and seventy-two great grandchildren.

John K. Tangen died on August 28, 1937 and was the oldest resident of Brooten. Marie (Hanson) Tangen died on November 26, 1936.

Interviewed: Mrs. Julia Thorson (a niece)
Date: September 1, 1937
By: Melba Peterson

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FOR THE JOHN K. TANGEN BIOGRAPHY

Death Record Book 3 Page 14 Line 383

Maire Tangen, Born in Norway November 1st, 1847

Daughter of Hans Hanson and Ragne Hanson

Died October 26, 1936

Age 88 years 17 months and 25 days