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TERWEY , BARNEY M.

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Barney M. Terwey was born on April 2, 1859, on a farm near Racine, Wisconsin.

Barney Terwey is the son of John and Gertrude (Leicher) Terwey, now deceased.

John and Gertrude (Leicher) Terwey were born in Westphalia, Germany and were married there. During the early forties they migrated to America with their family and settled on a farm near Racine, Wisconsin.

In the year 1860, they came to Minnesota and settled on a farm near Meire Grove, this county, where they filed on a claim. On this place they erected a log cabin, the roof which was made by Ben Swieters was made of reed grass and served its purpose for many years.

After a short time here John Terwey died. The family, however, retained the claim. The widow later married Henry Kreager and after about five years she also died.

John and Gertrude (Leicher) Terwey are the parents of eight children, Gertrude, Mary, John, Henry, Susan, Christine, Barney, and Anna, all now deceased excepting Barney.

Barney Terwey attended the first school in district 180. Since there was no school house, classes were held in a private house. Six students comprised the first class. During the winter months severe snow storm prevented the teacher from reaching the school and so there were no classes until the next spring.

After the death of his mother, Barney M. Terwey made his home with Nicholas Keppers for two years and then stayed with an uncle for a short time and again returned to the Kepper home where he remained until

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he was twenty-one.

As a young man, Barney Terwey was required to do the work of breaking and cultivating with the aid of oxen. After the railroad was built through the village of Avon he hauled wood for the railroad which was used to fire the engines.

On May 26, 1896, Barney Terwey was united in marriage to Elizabeth Grunloh.

Elizabeth Grunloh was born December 24, 1869, in Avon township, daughter of Rudolph and Margaretha (Grus) Grunloh. She attended school in the St. Ann district and was at home until the time of her marriage.

After their marriage the couple moved on a farm located in section 8, town of Avon. This land Mr. Terwey purchased from John Emmel and was then covered with a dense growth of trees and brush.

On this place he erected a log cabin and barn. Since horses were cheaper than oxen at that time he bought horses which he used in clearing and cultivating the land. Due to the heavy growth of timber, only a few acres could be cleared every year.

For six years Barney Terwey served as Supervisor of the Town of Avon.

At the time of his retirement to the village of Avon in 1931, Barney Terwey had converted his wilderness farm into a fine modern dairy farm. The log buildings having been replaced with modern buildings.

Barney and Elizabeth (Grunloh) Terwey are the parents of seven children.

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Rudolph, born February 27, 1897 married Marie Lang. They reside on the home farm.

Julia, born February 25, 1899, is employed at St. Paul.

Lucille, born June 8, 1901 died in infancy.

George, born May 6, 1902, married Helen Eheresman and they reside on a farm near Avon.

Bernard, born August 24, 1904, married Josephine Mondloch and reside in Avon.

Henry, born January 16, 1908, married Genevieve Studer and they reside at St. Rose where he is employed as a teacher.

Roman, born June 12, 1910, operates an Oil Station in the village of Avon.

Interviewed: Barney Terwey
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FOR THE BARNEY M. TERWEY BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Rudolph J. Terway	Feb. 27, 1897	Avon	Barney Terway	37
2. Julia A. "	Feb. 26, 1899	"	" "	40
3. Lucile S. "	July 8, 1901	"	" "	43
4. George A. "	May 6, 1902	"	" "	43
5. Barney G. "	Aug. 24, 1904	"	" "	46
6. Jerome J. "	June 12, 1910	"	" "	52

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Elizabeth	28	B7 1897	24	3	
2. "	30	B9 1899	36	3	
3. "	32	B11 1901	37	1	
4. "	33	B12 1902	33	3	
5. "	36	B14 1904	33	4	
6. "	42	D	6	8	

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Henry M. Terway and Geneva A. Studer

Married at Maples, June 6, 1935

By: Rev. Peter J. J. Juba

Witnesses: Roman J. Terway and Lodema K. Studer

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George August Terway and Helen Ehresmann

Married at St. Martin, June 16, 1931

By: Rev. Linus Schieffer

Witnesses: Roman J. Terway and Elizabeth A. Ehresmann

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Bernard G. Terway and Josephine Mondloch

Married at St. Martin, May 7, 1929

By: Rev. Clement Dimpfl O. S. B.

Witnesses: Veronica Mondloch and George Terway

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Rudolph J. Terway and Marie M. Lang

Married at Holdingford, October 16, 1928

By: Rev. H. F. Zoeller

Witnesses: Henry M. Terway and Pauline J. Lang

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Barney Terway and Lizzie Grenlow

Married at Avon, May 26, 1896

By: Rev. Stephan Zoller

Witnesses: L. B. Grenlow and Susan Kepper