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TESSENDORF, MARY E. (PONTIUS)

File No. B-1335

Mary (Pontius) Tessendorf was a daughter of Cornelius and Marian Ann (Poetz) Pontius. Her parents came to Saint Cloud in 1864. Her father ran a blacksmith shop on Saint Germain Street, where the Zapp State Bank is now located.

Mary was born in Saint Cloud, August 18, 1866 and attended the Franklin school until the Saint Mary's school opened and there she finished her education. After finishing school she did dressmaking and made hats until the time of her marriage. Mary Pontius was married in February, 1889 to Joseph Tessendorf in Saint Mary's church by Father Edward J. Nagl.

Joseph Tessendorf had a bottling works on 7th Avenue North and later moved it to 1st Street South. Mr. Tessendorf had this business up to the time of his death in January, 1914. Joseph Tessendorf was born in Germany in 1861. He came to the United States with his parents.

Joseph and Mary (Pontius) Tessendorf had five children, Agnes ; Edward; Sarah; Marie; Rose. Agnes is married, her name now is Agnes (Tessendorf) Heaton. She lives in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Interviewed: Mrs. Mary E. (Pontius)
Tessendorf

Date: October 7, 1936

By: Gilbert Bunt

Tessendorf Joseph

File No. _____

Second interview to affirm or correct information in biography as compared to information as listed in the legal records in the Stearns County Court House.

CORRECTION:

Birth of Joseph Tessendorf May 29, 1859 is correct as stated in the legal records.

CORRECTION:

Death of Joseph Tessendorf January 12, 1915 is correct as stated in the legal records.

Affirmed:

Children as listed in biography are correct.

reinterviewed by: Walter Jernberg

April 4, 1938

LEGAL RECORDS TAKEN FROM THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE
FOR THE JOSEPH TESSENDORF BIOGRAPHY.

MARRIAGE REC. BOOK KZ---Page 277
J_oseph Tessendorf and Mary Pontius, married at St. Cloud
January 5, 1889

by: Rev. Edward Nagel

Jacob Pontius
Marg. Simmer : Witnesses

DEATH RECORD BOOK H PAGE 16-Line 277

Joseph Tessendorf, Born in Germany May 29, 1859, died Jan 12-1915
age 56, 7 mo. 13 days.