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WEBER, WILLIAM

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William F. Weber was born in Kreis, Arnsmalde, Province Brandenburg, Germany on February 16, 1852. In 1863 William was brought to America by his parents. The Weber family landed at New York City and emmigrated to Monroe, Green County Wisconsin.

On May 10, 1864 they formed a company with Christ Wendtland, Michael Nehring, and Gotfried Heitke and with ox teams they traveled to Stearns County. The trip consumed four weeks time and was full of hardships and perils due to Indians. Soon after arriving in Ziom township William Weber built a log house and began farming.

William Weber married Paulina Hilmer in 1873. Paulina (Hilmer) Weber was born in Germany July 27, 1855.

To William and Paulina (Hilmer) Weber were born nine children, Rudolph, Frank, John, Edwin, Helena, Emma and Amanda. Two children died in infancy.

William Weber was a successful farmer and an ardent church goer. He was a member of the Evangelical Church of Paynesville and served twelve years as Sunday school superintendent. Paulina Weber died January 28, 1921 and William lived with his son-in-law Harold VanVorst until the time of his death April 2, 1936.

There are six grandchildren of William and Paulina (Hilmer) Weber and the original farm is operated by Rudolph Weber.

Interviewed: Mrs. Rudolph Weber
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