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AIGNER, RUPERT JOSEPH

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Among our native sons of Stearns County we find Rupert Joseph Aigner who was born in Spring Hill, Minnesota, March 27, 1870 son of Frank Xavier and Anna (Wagner) Aigner who were natives of Germany.

Frank Xavier Aigner came from Germany and settled in Johnsburg, Wisconsin, where he worked around at different jobs until 1860, when he came to Minnesota and settled on a Government Claim in Spring Hill township described as West $\frac{1}{2}$ of North East $\frac{1}{4}$ and East $\frac{1}{2}$ of North West $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, 160 acres. On this homestead he farmed and improved the land for a number of years, then he bought more land described as North East $\frac{1}{4}$ of North East $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, 40 acres and South East $\frac{1}{4}$ of South East $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, 40 acres and South West $\frac{1}{4}$ of South West $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, 40 acres. The total amount of acres of farm land Frank Xavier Aigner had was 280 acres which he farmed and owned. In 1862 Frank Xavier Aigner was drafted in a call for service in the Civil War, but he went to St. Paul, Minnesota, and there he hired a man who was not drafted for service to take his place and for this service he paid this man \$500.00 which left Mr. Aigner free to go back and take care of his farm in Spring Hill, Minnesota. Back to the farm everything went well for a few months then the Indian out break took place and Frank Xavier Aigner and family decided to leave Spring Hill, and go back to Wisconsin where they first settled and there they stayed until the trouble was all over here in Minnesota. In 1865 the Aigner family returned to Spring Hill on their homestead where they operated a farm until their death. Frank Xavier Aigner died in 1895 and was buried in the Spring Hill cemetery. Anna (Wagner) Aigner died in March 1925 and was also buried in the family lot in Spring Hill cemetery.

Rupert Joseph Aigner received his early childhood education in the rural school of Spring Hill township, where he recalls his first instructor was J. P. Limprich of St. Cloud, Minnesota. After completing school Rupert Joseph Aigner worked for his father on the farm for about twelve years then he went to Long Prairie where he worked at odd jobs for about two years. He then went to Sauk Centre, Minnesota, where he was employed by the Keller Foundry Company. Rupert made a speciality of steam engineering and this trade he follows today. He is employed by the St. Cloud Packing Company.

Rupert Joseph Aigner was married June 22, 1897 in the St. Nicholas Catholic Church of Spring Hill, Minnesota to Gertrude Harig daughter of Theodore and Susan (Snider) Harig, who were natives of Fondulac, Wisconsin, where Gertrude was born November 3, 1878. The Harig family moved to North Dakota for a few years and then came to Minnesota and settled in Spring Hill, Minnesota, where Gertrude attended school from the age of seven to fifteen and after a few years at home was married to Rupert Joseph Aigner, the marriage was performed by Rev. Father Gratz.

To Rupert Joseph and Gertrude (Harig) Aigner were born nine children: Rosline, Mrs. Victor Jacobson, of Braham, Minnesota; Mathilda, Mrs. Leo. Hunstiger, of Waite Park, Minnesota; Claudewald Aigner on a farm near St. Cloud, Minnesota; Werner Aigner Deputy Register Deeds St. Cloud, Minnesota; Edmund Aigner, Electrical engineer of Zumbrota, Minnesota; Emil Aigner, of St. Cloud, Minnesota; Alvina Aigner at home St. Cloud, Minnesota; Gertrude Aigner at home St. Cloud, Minnesota; Robert Aigner died in infancy.

Theodore Harig, father of Mrs. Rupert Aigner, died at the age of seventy-four on September 28, 1923 and was buried in Calvary cemetery at St. Cloud, Minnesota; Susan Harig, mother of Mrs. Rupert Aigner, died in 1902 and was buried in Spring Hill cemetery, Spring Hill, Minnesota.

Interviewed: Rupert Joseph Aigner
Date: August 18, 1936
Interviewed by: Nick P. Kruchten

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE RUPERT JOSEPH AIGNER BIOGRAPHY

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date of Birth</u> | <u>Place of Birth</u> | <u>Father's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1. Rosalia Aigner | Aug. 28, 1897 | Spring Hill | Robert Jos. Aigner | |
| 2. Mathilda " | Aug. 5, 1899 | " " | " " " | |
| 3. Claudewald " | Sept 25, 1901 | " " | " " " | 30 |
| 4. Verner B. " | Sept. 8, 1903 | " " | " " " | 32 |
| 5. Edmund J. " | Nov, 16, 1905 | " " | " " " | 35 |
| 6. Alvina " | Mar. 4, 1908 | " " | " " " | 39 |
| 7. Robert Peter " | Apr. 9, 1919 | " " | " " " | 47 |
| 8. Gertrude " | Apr. 9, 1919 | " " | " " " | 47 |
| 9. Baby " | July 18, 1909 | Sauk Centre | " " " | 40 |

| <u>Mother's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Book</u> | <u>Page</u> | <u>Line</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. Gertrude Herig | | (1897)B7 | 293 | 4 | |
| 2. " " | | (1899)B9 | 385 | 2 | |
| 3. " " | 21 | (1901)B11 | 374 | 1 | 3rd child |
| 4. " " | 23 | (1903)B13 | 401 | 1 | 4th child |
| 5. " " | 24 | (1905)B15 | 377 | 2 | 5th child |
| 6. " " | 28 | C | 543 | 4 | 6th child |
| 7. " " | 41 | M | 3 | 106 | 8th child |
| 8. " " | 41 | M | 3 | 107 | 9th child |
| 9. " " | 29 | C | 630 | 1 | |

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK P. PAGE 7303

Robert J. Eigner and Gertrude J. Herig
 Married at Spring Hill, June 15, 1897

By: Rev. J. E. Gratz

Witnesses: Barney Aigner and Anna Harig

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DEATH RECORD BOOK A 5 PAGE 189 LINE 1

Frank Aigner Died December 11, 1895

Age 71 years

DEATH RECORD BOOK L. PAGE 4 LINE 96

Robert Peter Aigner Died August 10, 1919

Age 4 months and 1 day

AIGNER, RUPERT JOSEPH

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:

The marriage date, June 15, 1897, of Robert J. Aigner to
Bertrude Herig is correct as stated in the legal record.

Reinterviewed: Robert J. Aigner
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