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BACHMAN, AUGUST

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August Bachman was born in Baden, Germany, January 19, 1857, son of Adolph and Margaret Bachman.

August attended school in Baden and then worked as a farm laborer in Germany. He was taught the routine of farm work by his father who was a farmer. About 1877 August left for America to find a more prosperous livelihood. He came directly to Saint Cloud and worked at odd jobs around that city and Stearns County.

On the 22nd of April 1887 August Bachman married Sophia Reidger at the Cathedral Church of Saint Cloud. The ceremony was performed by Father F. X. A. Stemper one of the priests of the Cathedral parish at that time.

Sophia (Reidger) Bachman was born in Vertenberg, Germany April 26, 1867, daughter of George and Walberga Reidger. Sophia attended grade school in Germany and then secured employment. At the age of eighteen, Sophia came to America with her parents. George Reidger settled in St. Cloud and Sophia secured a position.

The next year she was united in marriage to August Bachman.

After his marriage August secured a job in the brewery in St. Cloud and followed this trade until his death in 1906. He worked for Preiss and Wimmer, City Brewery, and Oderman's brewery during his residence in St. Cloud.

To August and Sophia (Reidger) Bachman were born eight children, one is deceased, the living are, Elizabeth; Marion; Barney; Albert; August; Madeline; Cecila; there are also seven grandchildren.

Sophia Bachman lives at 328 Ninth Avenue North and states, "I could always provide for my family on my husband's wages. As a rule he generally received about \$35.00 a month and that takes a lot of budgeting to raise seven children.

We kept a cow and I always got up real early in the morning and milked her so I would have time to get the children ready for school." ✓

"There were only a few homes between ours and Saint Germain St. It gave the children ample room to play."

"We were afraid they might be hurt though at the railroad crossing. The Great Northern passenger depot was on Ninth Avenue then, and all the trains stopped just about a block from our doorway. Trains were quite a curiosity and the children were always on hand to watch them arrive."

"They were lucky though and I think I raised them in the proper way."

Interviewed: Sophia (Reidger) Bachman
Date: August 7, 1936
By: Dean Nelson

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE AUGUST BACHMAN BIOGRAPHY

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date of Birth</u> | <u>Place of Birth</u> | <u>Father's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1. Lizzie Bachman | Sept. 13, 1890 | St. Cloud | August Bachman | 33 |
| 2. Maria Bachman | Aug. 12, 1892 | " " | " " | 34 |
| 3. John Bachman | May, 31, 1894 | " " | " " | - |
| 4. Albert Bachman | Aug. 29, 1896 | " " | " " | 39 |
| 5. August H. Bachman | June 1, 1899 | " " | " " | 42 |
| 6. Magdeline " | Feb. 18, 1902 | " " | " " | 45 |
| 7. Baby Bachman | Nov. 23, 1904 | " " | " " | 48 |

| <u>Mother's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Book</u> | <u>Page</u> | <u>Line</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
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| 1. Sophia Bachman | 23 | B | 218 | 3 | |
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| 3. " " | - | B4 | 239 | 19 | |
| 4. " " | 29 | B6 | 257 | 84 | |
| 5. " " | 32 | B9 | 321 | 17 | |
| 6. " " | 35 | B13 | 14 | 9 | |
| 7. " " | 38 | B14 | 347 | 4 | 9th child |

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August Bachman and Sophia Rieger

Married April 26, 1887

By: Rev. F. X. Aug. Stemper

Witnesses: Frank Hastinger and Anna Reiger

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RECORD IN BOOK F. PAGE 3412

August Bachman Became a Citizen of the United States December 7th, 1897

DEATH RECORD BOOK B. PAGE 218 LINE 3

August Bachman Died December 2, 1907

Born January 20, 1857 in Baden Germany

Son of John Bachman

Age 50 years 11 months and 1 day