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EMMERICH, JOHN

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John Emmerich, a pioneer and a native son of Stearns County was born in a log cabin on his father's homestead, September 11, 1855. John Emmerich was a son of Peter and Margurette Emmerich who were natives of Karish, Germany, they came to America on a sail boat, which required 66 days to make the crossing of the Atlantic. On arrival in New York, Peter and Margurette Emmerich set out for the west. Most of the distance from St. Paul, Minnesota, was traveled with the ox cart. Peter Emmerich decided to settle in St. Cloud, Minnesota, so he homesteaded some land in Section 20 of St. Cloud township 124 north, Range 28 west eighty acres. This homestead Peter Emmerich improved year after year, and farmed after the land was cleared of heavy timber. It was not an easy task, as our pioneers had to suffer many hardships. Transportation was by foot or by ox cart, and it required many days to travel any distance.

Peter Emmerich traveled on foot to St. Paul, Minnesota, and on his return trip he carried a bushel of potatoes on his back from St. Anthony Hill, in Minneapolis, to his homestead in St. Cloud Township.

John Emmerich received his early education in the little log school house in the country, now known as District # 37 in St. Cloud township. This school he attended until he was about fourteen years old, then he worked for his father on the farm, for about six years.

On June fourth, 1875 Father Severn Pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church of St. Cloud, performed the marriage of John Emmerich to Mary Leim.

Mary Leim was born in Denzburn, near Trier, Germany July 13, 1855, and is a daughter of Mathias and Catherine Leim, who came to America in June 1868, and came directly to Stearns County, and settled on a Government homestead in St. Cloud, township. Mary received some early education in Germany, as she was thirteen years old when they arrived in America, so she finished her education in the country school in District #47. After completing school at the age of sixteen, Mary Leim worked at home for her parents, a number of years, and she also worked at different homes in St. Cloud, as housekeeper until her marriage to John Emmerich.

In 1875 John and Mary (Leim) Emmerich built a small home on fourteenth avenue and first street north, and in a few years they added a few rooms to their home, for as much money as they could afford. John Emmerich followed the carpenter trade, working for different carpenters at times, and he also took building contracts for himself. Mary (Leim) Emmerich recalls the big cyclone which swept through the Northwestern part of St. Cloud, in 1886. She states they just had completed a new porch on their home, and it made them feel so happy that their home was now complete, then the cyclone came along and twisted the house from its foundation and tore off the porch, and carried it across the street. This disaster cost them about \$150.00 to get their home repaired again, and this amount of money was a big sum in those years, as wages were only about \$1.50 per day.

To John and Mary (Leim) Emmerich were born seven children: Two died in infancy, Mathias was killed in the Great Northern Yards in 1927. Catherine, wife of Jacob Rassier of St. Cloud; Barbara widow of Peter Rassier of St. Cloud; Sophia M. wife of John Bohlsen, St. Cloud and

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Henry Emmerich of Monticello, Wisconsin. Both parents of Mary (Leim) Emmerich have passed away.

Mathias Leim, the father, died in 1915, and Catherine Leim, the mother, died in 1885, and were laid to rest in Calvary cemetery.

Peter Emmerich, the father of John, was born October 22, 1822 in Karich, Germany and died October 7, 1904 in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Margurette Emmerich, the mother, was born March 21, 1826 in Karich, Germany and died May 20, 1898. John Emmerich died on September sixth 1914 and was buried in Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. Mary (Leim) Emmerich is living at her home 104-4th avenue North St. Cloud, besides her four children she has thirteen grandchildren and, two great grandchildren: Richard Gelding, and Robert Emmerich.

Interviewed: Mrs. Mary (Leim) Emmerich
Date: October 22, 1936.
Interviewed by: Nick P. Kruchten

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TAKEN FROM CENSUS RECORDS OF 1860

Enumerated July 20, 1860 By C. Grandelmeyer

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Peter Emmerich	Age 38
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Born	Prussia
Margaret Emmerich	Age 31
Sex	Female
Occupation	_____
Born	Prussia
John Emmerich	Age 4
Sex	Male
Occupation	_____
B orn	Minnesota
Barbara Emmerich	Age 1
Sex	Female
Occupation	_____
Born	Minnesota

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE JOHN EMMERICH BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Mathias Emmerich	Sept. 7, 1878	St. Cloud	John Emmerich	
2. Catherine "	Feb. 8, 1880	" "	" "	
3. Barbara "	Dec. 9, 1881	" "	" "	
4. Catherine M. "	July 31, 1883	" "	" "	
5. Margurette S. "	May 18, 1886	" "	" "	

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>LINE</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Mary Leim		A	333	11	
2. " "		A	421	4	
3. " "		A	461	37	
4. " "		A	565	30	
5. " "		B	33	85	

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK E. PAGE 494

John Emmerich and Mary Leim

Married at St. Cloud, June 4, 1877

By: Rev. P. Severn Gross O. S. B.

Witnesses: Jos. Heltemes and Anthony Rengel

DEATH RECORD BOOK G. PAGE 10 LINE 340

John Emmerich Died September 6, 1914

Age 58 years 11 months and 24 days

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DEATH RECORD BOOK I. PAGE 8 LINE 97

Mathias Leim, Died August 21, 1916

Age 85 years 8 months and 5 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK 1904 A 13 PAGE 382

Peter Emmerich, Died October 7, 1904

Age 78 years

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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.

AFFIRMED:

The marriage of John Emmerich and Mary Leim, on June 4, 1875 is correct as stated in the biography.

CORRECTION:

The death of Mathias Leim on August 21, 1916 is correct as stated in the legal records.

AFFIRMED:

The birth of John Emmerich on September 11, 1855, is correct as stated in the biography.

AFFIRMED:

Birth of Peter Emmerich in 1822 is correct as stated in the biography.

Reinterviewed: Mrs. Emmerich
Date: December 21, 1937
By: Dean Nelson