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FUCHS, XAVIER

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Xavier Fuchs was born April 23, 1854 in Neuler, Germany. In 1881 he came to this country alone settling first in Albany, Stearns County Minnesota where he worked on a farm for about three months. He then went to Jamestown, North Dakota where he worked for three years. As there was very little work to be found in North Dakota he decided to come back to Minnesota. This time he settled in St. Johns where he worked in a shoemaker's shop for three years. Then he took a homestead in Grove Township Stearns County.

Some neighbors helped him clear the land as it was densely covered with trees, and to build a log house. This house consisted of one small room with no floor and one small window. Every year they would build on another room until they had a five room house.

They did very little farming, raising only enough grain for their own use. The first few years Xavier Fuchs went out working to earn a little extra money while his wife took care of the farm.

Xavier Fuchs was married in Jacobs Prairie in 1884 to Elizabeth Geams. The ceremony was performed by Father John. The attendants were Peter Bruner and Helen Knouse.

Xavier and Elizabeth (Geams) Fuchs had six children: Charles, was born November 2, 1885 and lives with his father on their farm in Grove Township.

Elizabeth, was born August 28, 1888, is married to Peter Nickolos and has five children: Anthony, Edmund, Georgia, Dorothy and Marcella. They live at Melrose.

Joseph Fuchs, was born September 18, 1891 and was killed in the World War on October 18, 1918.

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Mary, was born January 9, 1894, is married to Herman Wenker and they have two children: Mary Ann, and Jeanette. They live on a farm at Spring Hill.

Catherine, was born January 3, 1896 is married to Joseph Matz and lives in Canada. They have no children.

Margaret, was born November 11, 1900 is married to Albert Bruns and has one son, Harold. They live at Melrose.

Xavier Fuchs still lives in his log house on the place he had taken as a homestead. His wife Elizabeth (Geams) Fuchs died August 4, 1919 and is buried at Meire Grove.

Interviewed: Charles Fuchs  
Date: June 4, 1937  
By: Ann Kramer

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE XAVIER FUCHS BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Nicholas Fuchs	Oct. 29, 1878	Avon	Peter Fuchs	
2. Jane Fuchs	Jan. 13, 1880	Avon	" "	
3. John Fuchs	Sept. 27, 1882	Albany	" "	
4. Anna M.K. Fuchs	Dec. 18, 1883	Albany	" "	
5. Mary Fuchs	Jan. 4, 1885	Albany	" "	
6. Susanna Fuchs	Mar. 28, 1887	Albany	" "	
7. Christoph "	Feb. 7, 1891	Albany	" "	
8. Elizabeth "	July 31, 1893	Albany	" "	
9. Anna Cath. Fuchs	Jan. 30, 1896	Grove twp.	Xavier Fuchs	42
10. Carl J. Fuchs	Nov. 2, 1885	St. Joseph	" "	
11. Margareth Fuchs	Sept. 11, 1899	Grove Twp.	" "	45

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Susanna Fuchs		A	303	16	
2. " "		A	387	1	
3. " "		A	481	29	
4. " "		A	535	15	
5. " "		B	10	21	
6. " "		B	74	12	
7. " "		B1 1891	1	1	
8. " "		B3 1893	4	23	
9. Elizabeth	39	B6 1896	116	2	
10. Elizabeth		B	37	39	
11. Elizabeth	42	B9 1899	160	4	

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MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK I. PAGE 117

Xavier Fuchs and Elizabeth Gembs

Married at St. Jacobs, October 19, 1884

By: Rev. P. John B. Katzner

Witnesses: Frank Bruener and **Lena** Knaus

DEATH RECORD BOOK L. PAGE 11 LINE 276

Elizabeth Fuchs , Born in Germany, February 22, 1857

Daughter of Philip Gemps mother unknown

Died August 2, 1919

Age 62 years 6 months and 10 days