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GILLES, JOHN M.

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Among the early residents of Stearns County is John M. Gilles, who was born in Calumet, Michigan February 2, 1875, a son of John and Minnie Gilles. The parents, John and Minnie Gilles, were natives of Germany who came to America and settled in Calument, Michigan, where John Gilles Senior's trade was a copper miner which he followed until his death. John Gilles Senior died in 1882 and was buried in Calumet, Michigan.

John M. Gilles Jr. attended the grade school in Calument, Michigan for a few years, then his mother was married to John Hentz of Minnesota, and the family moved to Stearns County, Rockville, Minnesota where he finished his education in the country school near Rockville. After completing school John M. Gilles worked on farms for several years.

In 1897 he was married and returned to Calumet, Michigan, where he worked in the mines. The climate in Michigan did not agree with him so the family again returned to Minnesota. In 1905 they came to Saint Cloud, Minnesota, and John M. Gilles was employed by the Saint Cloud Cold Storage and Produce Company, where he worked for eleven years. John M. saw that he could better himself so he left the Saint Cloud Cold Storage and Produce Company, and accepted a job with the H. C. Ervin Milling Company of Saint Cloud where he is employed at the present time.

John M. Gilles was married June 21, 1897 in the Cold Spring Catholic Church to Catherine Lenger, a daughter of Anthony and Anna (Haehn) Lenger who were pioneers of Saint Martin, Stearns County, Minnesota, where Catherine Lenger was born March 9, 1882. The marriage was performed by Father Paulin, pastor of the Cold Spring Catholic Church.

To John M. and Catherine (Lenger) Gilles were born three children, Rose, Mrs. Philip Neeser of Saint Cloud, Minnesota; Lillian, Mrs. Frank H. Alvard of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota; Evelyn T., Mrs. Sylvester Schepers of Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Gilles are living at 218 6th Avenue North, Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

Interviewed: Mrs. Catherine (Lenger)  
Gilles

Date: October 13, 1936

By: N. P. Kruchten

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE JOHN M. GILLES BIOGRAPHY

| <u>Name</u>                | <u>Date of Birth</u> | <u>Place of Birth</u> | <u>Father's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1. Catherine Lenger Gilles | Mar. 9, 1882         | St. Martin            | Anton Lenger         |            |
| 2. Baby Gilles             | Jan. 13, 1905        | St. Cloud             | John M.              | 30         |

| <u>Mother's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Book</u> | <u>Page</u> | <u>Line</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. Anna Haehn        |            | A           | 527         | 4           |                |
| 2. Catherine Lenger  | 22         | (1905)B15   | 280         | 2           |                |

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John Gilles and Catherine Lenger

Married at Cold Spring June 21, 1898

By: Rev. Paulin Wiesner O. S. B.

Witnesses: Lorenz Gilles and Margaretha Lenger

GILLES, JOHN

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:

Marriage of John Gilles and Catherine Lenger, on June 21,  
1898, is correct as stated in the legal records

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