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HAUPT, MATHIAS (ALSO SPELLED HAUB)

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Mathias Haupt was born Febuary 28, 1827 in Mainz, Germany.

When he was about twenty seven years old he came to this country along settling first in St. Joseph, Stearns County, Minnesota where he bought a farm. After living in St. Joseph for five years he went to Spring Hill where he took a homestead.

The trip to St. Joseph was made by train as far as St. Paul. From there they traveled by ox carts to St. Joseph and Spring Hill.

Their first house was made of logs, and as they had no furniture they made some from logs. The beds were made of logs with rope wound around, and on these ropes they placed straw.

The Indians caused quite a bit of trouble at this time. At the time of the Indian war the people all went to St. Joseph where they remained until the Indians left.

The chief crop was wheat. Just enough corn, oats and potatoes were grown to supply their own needs, as there was no market for these products.

The grain was cut with cradles and threshed with flails the first few years. Later on it was threshed with a threshing machine operated by horsepower.

The first complete crop failure occurred in the year 1876 due to the grasshopper scourge. They came in such large swarms that at times the sun would be hidden by the clouds of grasshoppers. They did a thorough job of devouring every green thing in the field.

The following year proved to be one of the best years before or after the grasshopper scourge. All crops of grain, grass and potatoes yielded abundantly.

Although the Red River carts passed the Haupt home about a mile away the creak and squeak of these carts could be heard plainly as they were constructed wholly of wood, no metal bearings of any kind were used.

In 1858 Mathias Haupt married Kunigunda Marshall, and they had nine children: George was born July 12, 1859 was married to Louise Duivel and they had four children: Charles, Oscar, Walter and Alfred. George Haupt died June 19, 1930 and is buried in Melrose.

Regina was born in 1861, was married to Jacob Moon and had eleven children. They live at New Munich.

Conrad was born in 1863 and was burnt to death when the Haupt home burnt.

Margaret was born June 11, 1864, is married to Alex Wolter and they live at Melrose. They have fifteen children: Henry, Joseph, Kunigunda, Margaret, Mathew, Jacob, George, Mary, Martha, Pancraticus, Olivia, Bernard, Pierre, Ione and Leone.

Aloys was born in 1866 and was also burnt to death,

John, was born December 1, 1867 was married to Mary Lany and lived at Minneapolis. They had four children: Joseph, Michael, Cecelia and Mary.

Appolonia was born in 1869 and she lives in St. Cloud.

Mary was born August 15, 1872 was married to Hubert Waldorf and had thirteen children. Mary (Haupt) Waldorf died October 23, 1909 in

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White Earth, Minnesota.

Anna, was born in 1874 is married to Edward Nathe and lives at St. Cloud. They had seven children.

Mathias Haupt the person who heads this biography died August 20, 1909. His wife Kunigunda (Marshall) Haupt died December 30, 1914.

Interviewed: Mrs. Alex (Haupt) Wolter
Date: June 3, 1937
By: Ann Kramer

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Mathias Haupt was born February 26, 1826, in Nierstein at Mainz, Hessen Darmstadt the son of a well to do family of farmers.

He received a common school education in Hessen and as a young man assisted his parents with the work on the farm.

In the year 1853, he was forced to flee from his native land, Hessen, immediately after that country was overtaken by Prussian rule, because of his stand against the Prussian government, and was sentenced to death if apprehended.

His escape from Germany proved to be very eventful. Before leaving, he went to see his sweetheart, and she decided to leave with him and come to America, so they made plans whereby she was to meet him on a certain ship that was due to leave for America in a short time.

Due to the fact that he was forced to seek refuge in fields and swamps, in his escape, he was unable to reach the port in time to board the vessel and had to take the next boat. After a trip of several months, he landed at New York, and he at once started his search for his sweetheart. His search was cut short however, when he received the sad news that the vessel which she boarded had gone down during a bad storm and the crew and passengers had gone down with her.

Having no set plans, he came to Minnesota, with several other German immigrants and found employment on a farm near St. Joseph, Stearns county.

After several years, in the county, he was united in marriage with Kunegunda (Cora) Marshall, in the Catholic church at St. Joseph.

Kunegunda Marshall was born August 24, 1840, in Kostheim by Mainz, Germany, the daughter of Conrad and Margaret (Schmitt) Marshall, the former

of whom was born in Hessen, Darmstadt, in 1808 and the latter on February 7, 1805.

It was on November 11, 1853, that the family set sail for America, arriving in February 1854. The five, father, mother, George A., Kunegunda, and Conrad Junior landed at New York and then went to Utica, in the same state. Later they found their way to Gelena, Illinois, where they took a boat to St. Paul and from there came by team to St. Joseph, arriving June 19, 1855. Here they secured a 160 acre tract of wild land and erected a small shanty on the place to serve as their home. This was later replaced with a frame house. Other buildings were erected from time to time as necessity required and the farm was gradually developed and improved.

Kunegunda remained at home, until the time of her marriage.

After their marriage the couple purchased a small tract of land and erected a small log cabin on the place. The furniture was also home-made and was of rude construction because they lacked the necessary tools. During the first few years, they had neither horses nor oxen and the only tools for clearing and cultivating the land were an ax and a grub hoe. After five years on the place they disposed of it and both, Mathias and his wife filed on homesteads in Spring Hill township, about one mile south from where the village now stands. Their belongings were loaded into a wagon drawn by oxen and when they arrived they lived in the open until a cabin was erected.

At that time only a few settlers resided there. Where the village of Spring Hill now stands was then a wild and unbroken forest. The nearest trading post was New Munich about fifteen miles distant.

Mathias Haupt often related the time when he would walk to New Munich with a basket of butter and eggs and return with a sack of flour on his shoulders. The first church services the family attended were also at New Munich.

After a few years on the homestead, when more grain was harvested than was needed for home consumption, it was hauled by ox team to the mill at St. Cloud. A trip of that kind usually consumed three days, This also helped Mr. Haupt to get some cash with which he built a new frame house to replace the log cabin. This house, however, was destroyed by fire in September 1889, two sons, Conrad and Aloys, perishing in the fire. Afraid of another fire, he erected a large brick home on the place, and it still stands on the farm today.

The first and only complete crop failure to occur in the pioneer days was in 1877, due to the grasshopper scourge of that year. The "hoppers" arrived in large swarms, in the fall of '76, after most of the crop had been harvested. They did no great damage that year, but the next spring just as the crops were well out of the ground, the eggs that they laid the previous fall, hatched and the ground soon was covered with them and they soon made a thorough job of devouring every green particle in the fields and pastures, and then also stripped the trees and shrubbery of their leaves.

During that year, the settlers made their living by gathering ginseng roots, which they were able to trade at the stores for the needed groceries.

As an early pioneer, Mr. Haupt and his wife endured many hardships in establishing a home that would provide for them a comfortable livelihood. Despite these adversaries they developed their homestead to a tillable state that left their lifes work well done upon retirement in the fall of 1895, when they moved to Melrose and purchased a home there, Here they lived in retirement until called by death.

Mathias Haupt died August 28, 1909 and his wife died December 14, 1914, both are buried in the St. Boniface cemetery at Melrose.

Mathias and Kunegunda (Marshall) Haupt are the parents of nine children, George, Regina, Conrad, Margaret, Aloys, John, Appolonia, Mary, and Anna.

George was born July 12, 1859, at St. Joseph. He received his first schooling from an uncle, Conrad Marshall, one of the pioneer teachers of the county. As a young man, he secured work as a guide for a land company in Canada. After a few years at this work, he returned to the states and attended St. John's University for some time. His first work after leaving St. John's was teaching in the rural schools of the county at which profession he remained for twelve years. His next venture was a variety store at Melrose. While operating this store he also organized a german weekly paper at Melrose, known as "Der Melrose Anzeiger." This paper he published for about seven years and then sold his plant. For the next twenty-one years he served as rural Mail carrier and then was retired.

On May 26, 1896 he was united in marriage to Louise Duevel in the Catholic church in Melrose. Rev. Bernard Richter performing the ceremony. The attendants were Henry Marshall and Johanna Sigmund.

Louise Duevel was born February 8, 1874, in Hanover, Germany, the daughter of Henry and Clara (Frame) Duevel. On October 15, 1894, she came to America for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Ben Rohling at Freeport and remained there until the time of her marriage.

George and Louise (Duevel) Haupt are the parents of four children, Charles, now pastor of the Catholic church at Forrester; Oscar, at Avon, Walter of Albany and Alfred, now deceased.

George Haupt died January 19, 1930 and burial was made in the Catholic cemetery at Melrose.

Regina, married Jacob Monn of New Munich and they resided on a farm near New Munich for many years. Both are now deceased.

Margaret, born June 11, 1864, is Mrs. Alex Wolters of Melrose. Mr. Wolters is a retired rural mail carrier. They are the parents of fifteen children.

John, born December 1, 1861, married Mary Lang and they resided on the old homestead. They are the parents of three children. He died August 31, 1933, at Minneapolis.

Appolonia, born January, 1869, makes her home with her sister Mrs. Charles Nathe of St. Cloud.

Marie, born August 15, 1872, was Mrs. Hubert Waldorf. She died October 22, 1911.

Anna, born July 1873, is Mrs. Charles Nathe of St. Cloud.

Interviewed: Mrs. Margaret (Haupt) Wolters
Mrs. Louise (Duevel) Haupt

Interviewed by: Walter B. Haupt

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE MATHIAS HAUPT BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Anna Haub	July 25, 1874	Spring Hill	Mathias Haub	

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Kunegunda Haub		A	173	31	

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK O. PAGE 7022

George Haupt and Louisa Duevel

Married at Melrose, May 26, 1896

By: Rev. B. Richter

Witnesses: Henry Marshall and Johanna Sigmund

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK M. PAGE 566

John J. Haupt and Mary Lang

Married at Spring Hill, June 28, 1892

By: Rev. C. A. Gunkel

Witnesses: John Gruetl and Anna Haupt

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK N. PAGE 293

Carl Nathe and Anna Haupt

Married at Melrose, September 26, 1893

By: Rev. Lawrence Steinkogler

Witnesses: Mathias Nathe and Appolonia Haupt

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MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK K. PAGE 181

Hubert Waldorf and Anna M. Haupt

Married at Spring Hill, October 25, 1888

By: Rev. P. Vincent Schiffner

Witnesses: John Waldorf and Anna Haupt

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK J. PAGE 85

Alexander Wolters and Margaret Haupt

Married at Melrose, October 19, 1886

By: Rev. Wm. Eversmann

Witnesses: John Moritz and Ann M. Haupt

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK G. PAGE 6

Jacob Monn and Regina Haupt

Married at New Munich, November 15, 1880

By: Rev. August Brockmeyer

Witnesses: Joseph Monn and Margaret Haupt

DEATH RECORD BOOK B. PAGE 489 LINE 2

Mathew Haupt, Born in Germany, February 2, 1826,

Son of Mathew Haupt, mother unknown

Died in Melrose, August 20, 1909

Age 83 years

DEATH RECORD BOOK W. PAGE 19 LINE 404

George Haupt, Born in Minnesota, July 12, 1859

Son of Mathias Haupt and Louise Duevel

Died January 19, 1930

Age 70 years 6 months and 7 days

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Marshall, Conrode	Age 51
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Born	Hesson
Marshall, Margret	Age 54
Sex	Female
Occupation	-----
Born	Hesson
Marshall, George	Age 23
Sex	Male
Occupation	Laborer
Born	Hesson
Marshall, Conrode	Age 16
Sex	Male
Occupation	Laborer
Born	Hesson