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JESH, MARTIN

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Martin Jesh was born November 10, 1869, on a farm near Lieberg, Yugoslavia, the son of John and Ursala (Kometich) Jesh, now deceased in Yugoslavia.

He received his first schooling in the district school there, and at the age of ten entered a school at Stein, Yugoslavia. After completing a three year course there, he entered the gymnasium school at Laebah. Here he attended school for two years and six months and then started his apprenticeship in a store there.

At this time it was necessary for any one desiring to master a trade of any kind and to be able to demand wages, to work as an apprentice for four years. After working there for a year, and having previously heard of the opportunities existing in America, where one did not have to work as an apprentice, he decided to go there.

On May 10, 1887, he left his native land and sailed for America. An uncle, John Kometich, who had migrated to America with his family several years earlier, at this time resided on a farm in Krain township, this county and Martin Jesh at once came west and joined him there, arriving June 11, 1887. When he arrived there, the uncle, John Kometich was ill and so he at once went to work on his farm, and remained there for two months.

After leaving John Kometich, he found employment in the Kraker and Wertin Store at Albany, where he received a salary of \$10.00 a month and room and board. During the next winter, when business was slack, he was given an opportunity to work for his board and room by Joseph Gasperlin and attend school, and thus improve his English and German, and he gladly accepted the offer.

The next spring he again returned to the employment of Kraker and Wertin, and remained until May of that year and then received an offer of more money from John Weivoda to work on his farm, and he accepted it.

Not accustomed to the work, he was forced to give up after a month there and again returned to Kraker and Wertin, where he remained until October of the same year and having received an offer for more money to work for John Shebat who operated a store in Wabasha, Minnesota, he accepted and worked in that establishment until 1890.

Desirous to better his education, and having saved up the money he earned at the Shebat Store, he again decided to attend school, and for four months attended St. John's University.

After leaving St. John's, he found employment in the George M. Schaefer Store at Albany and worked there continuously until 1898.

On June 7, 1898, Martin married Antonia Bier. The ceremony took place in the Seven Dollars Church at Albany, Rev. Conrad O. S. B. performing the ceremony. The attendants were Frances Bier and Michael Seitz.

Antonia Bier was born March 28, 1879, in Dittersdorf, Boehmen, Austria, the daughter of Ferdinand and Rosalia (Schleppenbach) Bier.

Ferdinand and Rosalia (Schleppenbach) Bier were born in Austria and were married there. Mr. Bier earning his livelihood as a cooper. Being an ambitious man and having a desire to better his career, he brought his family to America in 1881, settling on a farm near Albany.

During the first few years on the farm he also worked as a cooper, and later opened a small store in the village, which is now known as the J. Bier & Co. Store.

Ferdinand was a resident of this community until his death, which occurred March 12, 1920. His wife Rosalia died March 12, 1922, both are buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Albany.

After the marriage, Martin Jesh entered into a partnership with Ferdinand Bier and they operated a general merchandise store under the firm name of Bier and Jesh. Two and one half years later they dissolved partnership, and he again entered the employment of Kraker and Wertin, where he remained until 1907. This was the year the Soo Railroad was built through Albany and he in company with Joseph Evens erected a store building near the Soo station and operated a general store there until 1912, and then rented a building at Elrosa, Minnesota and moved their stock there, and conducted a business there until 1913.

His next venture was in the restaurant business. He purchased a building located in the business district of Albany from Nicholas Young in 1913, and for twenty one years, operated the place successfully, known as the Jesh Restaurant. In 1934, he retired from business, and at present Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jesh still make their home in the village.

Martin and Antonia (Bier) Jesh are the parents of eleven children.

Rose, born March 21, 1899, married Norbert Hoffman and they reside at Albany, where Mr. Hoffman is a clothing salesman and the conductor of the city Bond.

Roman, born October 27, 1901, married Dora Winter and they reside at Albany, where he is assistant cashier in the First State Bank of Albany.

Othmar, born October 27, 1903, married Marcella Winter and they reside at Albany where he is the operator of the Quality Chick Hatchery and Produce Co.

Hildegard, born December 21, 1905, died in infancy.

Hildegard, born November 27, 1906, is employed as clerk in the office of Montgomery Ward and Co. at St. Paul.

Andrew, born October 29, 1908, is employed in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Ursala, born November 25, 1910, is employed at the Neutzling Hotel at Albany.

Angela, born March 6, 1912, at home.

Carlisle, born August 6, 1913, is employed at the Farmers Cooperative Creamery at Albany.

Ralph, born August 16, 1915, employed at Idaho Falls, Idaho .

Marion, born June 8, 1919, is attending a business college at St. Paul.

Interviewed: Martin Jesh
Date: September 23, 1937
By: Walter B. Haupt

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TAKEN FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE MARTIN JESH BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Carolina Jesh	Mar. 21, 1899	Albany	Martin Jesh	
2. Roman M. Jesh	Oct. 27, 1900	"	" "	30
3. Ottmar Jesh	Oct. 27, 1902	"	" "	32
4. Hildegard Jesh	Nov. 26, 1905	"	" "	35
5. Andrew J. "	Oct. 27, 1907	"	" "	37
6. Ursala K. "	Nov. 25, 1909	"	" "	40
7. Angela "	Mar. 6, 1912	"	" "	42
8. Frederic C. "	Aug. 16, 1913	"	" "	43
9. Rafael D. "	Aug. 4, 1915	"	" "	45
10. Marion "	June 8, 1919	"	" "	49

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Antonia Bier		(1899)B9	10	1	
2. " "	21	(1900)B10	14	2	
3. " "	23	(1902)B12	18	5	
4. " "	27	(1905)B15	16	4	
5. " "	28	C	216	1	
6. " "	30	C	551	2	
7. " "	33	F	1	8	
8. " "	34	G	23	528	
9. " "	35	I	2	20	
10. " "	40	3	1	1	

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK P. PAGE 7529

Martin Jesh and Antonia Bier

Married at Albany, June 7th, 1898

By: Rev. Conrad Glatzmaier O. S. B.

Witnesses: Michael Seitz and Frances Bier

DEATH RECORD BOOK P. PAGE 9 LINE 214

Rosalia Bier Born in Europe June 13, 1850

Daughter of Jno Schleppenbach

Died March 14, 1923

Age 73 years 1 month and 29 days

JESH, MARTIN

Secondinterview to affirm or correct information in biography as compared to information as listed in the legal records in the Stearns County Court House.

CORRECTION:

Date of death of Rosalia Bier, March 14, 1923, is correct as stated in the legal records.

Reinterviewed by: Walter B. Haupt