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Adam Kraemer was born April 27, 1836, in Kreis, Prim, Germany, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kraemer.

Peter Kraemer was a farmer in Germany and Adam was taught the agricultural industry on his father's farm. Adam attended school for several years and then worked in Germany as a farm laborer. He was very conservative and saved all his earnings so he could come to America and farm here.

About 1866 Adam Kraemer came to America and settled in Saint Joseph township. He worked for various farmers and finally purchased a beautiful farm near Saint Nicholas. Adam worked very hard to improve his farm and beautify it.

He was quite successful in having an up to date and progressive agricultural institution.

March 9, 1882 Adam Kraemer married Catherine Michaels at the old Saint Nicholas church.

They were married by Father Joseph Vill and the witnesses were Peter and Lena Kraemer.

Catherine (Michaels) Kraemer was born in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin, October 15, 1855, daughter of Peter and Mary Michaels. As a young girl she received some education in public school. She then came to Minnesota with her parents who settled at Saint Nicholas in Saint Joseph.

Catherine lived with her parents until the time of her marriage.

She remarks of her early life. "We used to be afraid of the Indians. They would roam around our cabin whenever they were hungry or cold and finally came to the door for something to eat. When we gave them something they would eat it and then stand by the fire. As children we regarded them with awe and fear."

"Our lights were quite a bit different than they are now. We had

We had fish oil for fuel and we would pour this in a tin container and put a piece of cord in the oil. We then hung the container on the wall and lit the cord. This was our only means of lighting our home for several years."

To Adam and Catherine (Michaels) Kraemer were born eight children, Christine, Margaret, Anna, Mary, Katherine(deceased), Rose, Lena, and Barbara. There are twenty grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Adam Kraemer died December 7, 1915 at Fosston, Minnesota.

His wife Anna is still living and resides with her son-in-law, William Gruber, at 227 10th Avenue North.

Anna relates further, "Our early farms were a matter of long hours and hard work. We had inadequate tools and machinery and that required much of the work to be done by hand, and it was very hard work."

Interviewed: Mrs. Anna (Michaels)  
Kraemer  
Date: July 21, 1936  
By: Dean Nelson

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE ADAM KRAEMER BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Christina Kraemer	Dec. 22, 1882	Luxemburg	Adam Kraemer	
2. Margareta Kraemer	Nov. 6, 1884	"	" "	
3. Rosalia Kraemer	Nov. 6, 1886	"	" "	
4. Anna Kraemer	July 9, 1888	"	" "	52
5. Mary Kraemer	July 19, 1890	"	" "	53
6. Catherine Kraemer	Feb. 18, 1893	"	" "	56
7. Barbara Kraemer	Sept. 2, 1895	"	" "	58

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Katherine Kraemer		A	499	39	
2. " "		A	609	33	
3. " "		B	52	33	
4. " "	35	B	114	28	
5. " "	39	B	184	18	
6. " "	39	(1893)B3	143	8	
7. " "	43	(1895)B5	140	31	

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Adam Kraemer and Catherine Michels

Married at St. Nicholas March 9, 1882

By: Rev. Jos. Vill

Witnesses: Peter Kraemer and Lena Kraemer