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One of our early Stearns county pioneers was Henry Landwehr. He was born in Westphalia, Germany about 1833. In his native country Henry served in the German army. At the age of 24 years he came to America and settled in Clinton county, Illinois in 1857.

Henry married Gertrude Kiffmeyer who was born in Germany and came to America when she was twenty-four years old about 1855. Gertrude was the sister of Bernard Kiffmeyer early pioneer in Stearns county.

Henry and Gertrude (Kiffmeyer) Landwehr came to St. Augusta township, Stearns County in 1859, where they purchased 160 acres in section two. They continued to farm this land until Henry Landwehr died in 1881.

Henry and Gertrude (Kiffmeyer) Landwehr had the following children; Henry Jr., Barney, August, John, Frank, William H., and Mary, who married William Goerger.

William H. Landwehr was born in St. Augusta Township on the first of August, 1868.

William attended the rural school in district school number 34. The school was first taught in a log structure built about one mile north of the village of St. Augusta in 1859, by Henry Krebs, later county Superintendent of Schools. In 1861 the District, number 34, was organized and the site of the school was changed and taught in an old log church in the present location of the village. William continued school under Henry Krebs instruction until he was eleven years old.

William worked on the farm of his brother, Barney Landwehr until

he reached the age of 22.

In 1890, he started farming for himself in St. Augusta township. Later he operated farms in St. Cloud township, for two years, in Benton County for the same length of time. He was also employed by the Clark Lumber Company for nearly three years.

On November 1, 1900 he started the Landwehr Transfer and Storage Company in the Hammeral Building located at 28-7th avenue north. This building is now owned by M.J. Kaufman. William H. Landwehr operated this transfer and storage business for 20 years.

In 1920, he took up the general contracting business, which he followed until 1931, when he retired.

William H. Landwehr married Josephine Weyrauch on January 13th , 1891. Josephine was the daughter of Henry and Mary (Brester) Weyrauch, early pioneers in Stearns county. Josephine was born September 30, 1873 in St. Cloud Township. Henry Weyrauch was born in Germany and there married Mary Brester. They came to America and reached Stearns county with one of the first German colonies. They settled in St. Cloud Township and continued farming until Henry Weyrauch died in 1880. Mrs. Mary (Brester) Weyrauch remained on the farm until she moved to St. Cloud in 1901. Henry and Mary (Brester) Weyrauch had thirteen children. Twelve lived to adult life, there are: William; Barbara who married Barney Landwehr; Anna, married Barney Goerger; John; Henry; Barney; Joseph; Elizabeth, married Mr. Herman Kiffmeyer; Josephine, wife of William H. Landwehr; Frances, wife of Theodore Fischer; Lena, married Mr. Joseph Berger; and Theresa, married Mr. George Deering.

William H. and Josephine (Weyrauch) Landwehr had seven children, Edward B. of Motley, Minnesota; Herbert H., St. Cloud, Minnesota; Mrs. Lena Pallow of St. Cloud; Alfred F., St. Cloud; Clarence H. of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Otto A., Of St. Cloud; and Emma E. who is at home.

Interviewed: W.H. Landwehr  
Date: May 7, 1936  
By: N.P. Kruchten

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TAKEN FROM THE CENSUS RECORDS OF 1860

Enumerated July 19, 1860 By-- C. Grandelmeyer

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Henry Landwehr	Age 52
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Born	Prussia
Getrude Landwehr	Age 31
Sex	Female
Occupation	_____
Born	Prussia
Catherine Landwehr	Age 14
Sex	Female
Occupation	_____
Born	Illinois
Henry Landwehr	Age 6
Sex	Male
Occupation	_____
Born	Illinois
Barney Landwehr	Age 2
Sex	Male
Occupation	_____
Born	Illinois

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE WILLIAM H. LANDWEHR BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Ed Ben Landwehr	Jan. 23, 1893	St. Cloud	Wm. Landwehr	30
2. Baby Landwehr	Apr. 29, 1897	" "	William "	28
3. Baby Landwehr	July 11, 1900	" "	"	31
4. Baby Landwehr	May 20, 1902	" "	"	33
5. Baby Landwehr	Apr. 12, 1904	" "	" H.	35
6. Anna E. Landwehr	Jan. 6, 1909	" "	" H.	40

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Josephine	26	(1893)B3	284	1	Male
2/ "	23	(1897)B7	316	22	Female
3. "	27	(1900)B10	323	10	Male
4. "	28	(1902)B12	18	4	Male
5. "	30	(1904)B14	330	7	Male
6. "	35	C	612	5	Female

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK M. PAGE 173

William H. Landwehr and Josephina Weyrauch

Married at St. Augusta, January 13, 1891

By: Rev. Paul Rettenmaier O. S. B.

Witnesses: John F. Landwehr and Gertrud El. Weyrauch

DEATH RECORD BOOK A. PAGE 89 LINE 16

Henry Landwehr Died December 20, 1881

Age 72 years