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Peter Michels was born June 19, 1824, in Kreznauch, Germany. Peter as a youth learned the tailor's trade from his father, and in 1851 came to America, and located at Mount Calvary, Wisconsin. After working two years as a tailor at Mount Calvary, Peter moved to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin where he met and married Mary A. Meller.

Mary A. (Meller) Michels was born August 15, 1830, in Germany. About 1855, Peter and Mary A. (Meller) Michels came to Saint Joseph, Minnesota where they purchased a farm. Peter operated this farm successfully until his retirement in 1897, when he disposed of this farm and moved into Saint Cloud.

Peter and Mary A. (Meller) Michels were the parents of the following children: Mary, John, Anna, Mathias, Joseph, Anna, Crescence, and Elizabeth.

Mary, born February 18, 1856, at Saint Joseph, died May 15, 1882.

> John, born February 23, 1858, now lives in Miami, Florida. Anna. born July 16, 1860, is dead.

Mathias, born April 13, 1862, lives in Billings, Montana. Joseph, born March 17, 1864, died April 20, 1935, in St. Cloud. Anna, born August 20, 1866, was the wife of John L. Ahles of St. Cloud, he died October 18, 1933.

Crescence, born August 20, 1866, is married to Joseph DeZelar of Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Elizabeth, born July 6, 1870, married Louis Walsh of St. Cloud, and died in 1925.

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Mary A. (Meller) Michels died May 17, 1910, both are buried in the Saint Joseph Cemetery at Saint Joseph, Minnesota.

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