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ROCHE, JOSEPH C.

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Joseph C. Roche was born September 14, 1865, in St. Paul Minnesota, the son of Thomas and Bridget (Cullan) Roche, pioneer settlers of Avon township now deceased.

Thomas and Bridget (Cullan) Roche were born in Limerich, Ireland and were married there. After their marriage the couple came to America. After a short stay in Illinois they came west to St. Paul where Thomas found employment. In the year 1874, Thomas Roche decided to take advantage of the free land made available thru the 'Homestead Act of 1862' and came to Avon in search of a suitable homestead and filed on a claim three and one half miles north of the village. The county at that time was a wild and unbroken forest and it took years of hard work to render the land tillable. As an early pioneer Thomas Roche and his family endured many hardships, but upon retirement he had built his wilderness homestead into a place of pride and beauty.

Thomas and Bridget (Cullan) Roche are the parents of eleven children. They are:

Thomas, Junior of Avon; John now deceased; Margaret, Mrs. J. W. Uptegrove of Minneapolis; William, deceased; James of Idaho Falls, Idaho; Elizabeth, Mrs. McIssac of Minneapolis; Joseph C; and three other children are dead.

Joseph C., who heads this biography, received a common school education in the district school and as a young man did his share of the work of building up the home farm.

On November 22, 1897, he married Mary McIssac of Devils Lake, North Dakota. After his marriage he was employed as a fireman on the

Great Northern Railway and later became an engineer on the same road.

After many years of railroading he returned to Avon and resumed farming. Here he remained until he was forced to retire due to ill health, and the farm was taken over by the son-in-law, Conrad Magher.

Joseph C. and Mary (McIssac) Roche are the parents of four children.

Ethel, Mrs. Conrad Magher, resides and operates the home farm.

Hazel, Mrs. Arthur Marx of St. Cloud.

Lucille, Mrs. Lewis J. Kucklock of Mora, Minnesota.

Eileen, Now deceased.

Interviewed: Joseph Roche
By: Walter B. Haupt
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TAKEN FROM THE LEGAL RECORDS OF THE STEARNS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
FOR THE JOSEPH C. ROCHE BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK O, PAGE 6668

Joseph W. Uptigrove and Margaret Roche
Married at St. Cloud, Jan. 29, 1895
By: Rev. John Brogar
Witnesses: Joseph C. Roche and Alice M. Uptigrove

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK P, PAGE 7435

Joseph C. Roche and Mary McIsaac
Married at Avon, Nov. 22, 1897
By: Rev. Stephen R. Zoller
Witnesses: J. P. Roche and Mary Kennedy

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK T, PAGE 10407

Alex McIsaac and Elizabeth Roche
Married at Avon, Nov. 27, 1907
By: Rev. P. Vincent, O. S. B.
Witnesses: James P. Roche & Katie McIsaac

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK Z, PAGE 16657

Conrad Meagher and Ethel Roche
Married at St. Cloud, Jan. 29, 1923
By: Rev. Jos. D. Vorley
Witnesses: Jos. J. Rosmon & Katherine Meagher

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK 6, Page 18575

Louis Knklock and Lucille Roche
Married at Avon, Feb. 7, 1927
By: Rev. Martin Schmitt, O. S. B.
Witnesses: Alois Rudolph and Eileen Roche

DEATH RECORD, BOOK F, PAGE 6, Line 19

Bridget Roche born in Ireland, Feb. 20, 1838
Daughter of Patrick Culenán and Bridget Donahue
Died May 14, 1913
Age 75 years, 2 months, 22 days

DEATH RECORD, BOOK B, PAGE 275, Line 2

Thomas Roche born in Ireland, Feb. 10, 1824
Son of James Roche
Died Oct. 9, 1908
Age 84 years, 7 months, 29 days

Legal Records (con't.)

DEATH RECORD, BOOK G, PAGE 1, Line 26

Ruth Elizabeth Roche born in Minnesota
On October 5, 1913
Daughter of Joseph C. Roche and Mary McIsaac
Died April 26, 1914
Age 6 months, 21 days

DEATH RECORD, BOOK G, PAGE 1, Line 21

William B. Roche born in Minnesota
On April 6, 1871
Son of Thomas Roche and Bridget Roche
Died March 19, 1914
Age 42 years, 11 months 28 days

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No 1860 Census Records

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BIRTH RECORDS

<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME</u>
Ethel May	Sept. 8, 1898	Avon	Joseph C.
Hazel C.	July 18, 1900	Avon	Joseph C.
Lucille M.	Jan. 22, 1904	Avon	Joseph C.
Ruth Elizabeth	Oct. 5, 1913	Avon	Joseph C.

<u>MOTHER'S NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>FATHER'S AGE</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>LINE</u>
Mary McIsaac	26	32	B-8	28	2
Mary McIsaac	28	34	B-10	35	1
Mary McIsaac	29 32	39	B-14	31	2
Mary McIsaac	41	48	G	23	558