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ROHLING, BERNARD J.

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Bernard J. Rohling was born April 4, 1861 in Germany, the son of John Bernard and Agnes (Kramer) Rohling.

John Bernard Rohling was born September 13, 1824 in Germany.

On November 8, 1849, he married Elizabeth Kramer to which union five children were born.

John Henry, born May 11, 1852.

Bernadine, Mrs. Henry Gerwing, born September 28, 1853.

Maria Agnes, Mrs. Joseph Ostendorf, born September 28, 1855.

Maria Anna, Mrs. Gerhard Behner, born September 23, 1857.

All are now deceased.

After the death of his first wife, he married a second, Agnes Kramer, on June 16, 1858, and two children were born to this union. One son who died in infancy and Bernard J. who heads this biography.

As a young man, John Bernard Rohling worked at various trades in Germany and Holland. After his marriage, he rented a small farm in Germany. Due to the economic conditions existing there at the time a renter could never better his station in life there, and as a result many German families emigrated to America, which country was at that time known as the home of peace and plenty.

Among some of the first emigrants to leave the town where the Rohlings lived was a sister of John Bernard Rohling, Mrs. Henry Deters and her husband. After a few years in America they realized the opportunities existing here and wrote to John Bernard Rohling

urging him to come.

In the year 1864, he also left his native land and brought his family to America. The trip across the Atlantic was made on a sailing vessel and consumed six weeks. After landing at New York, he came west as far as Cincinnati, Ohio, where he found employment as a laborer, building roads and later also worked in a butcher shop.

After three years in Cincinnati, he decided to go farming and came west to New Munich, where the Deter's family resided at the time. Soon after arriving there he purchased a homestead right consisting of 160 acres, three miles north of the present village of Freeport. The site where the village of Freeport now stands was then a wild and unbroken forest. The nearest trading post was New Munich, a distance of about eight miles. Since oxen were slow, the trips from the farm to New Munich, where they did their trading and attended church, were usually made on foot.

The homestead right which they purchased was covered with timber and it took years of hard work to render it tillable. Wheat was the chief crop for many years and as the nearest mill was located at St. Cloud it was hauled there by ox team, until a market was established at Freeport.

Although, the family had several cows, they did not turn to dairying extensively until a creamery was established at Freeport in 1897.

After the retirement of John Bernard Rohling, the farm was taken over by the son Bernard, who later also purchased the farm.

Bernard J. received his first schooling in the district school at New Munich and later when a school was organized at Freeport was one of the first to attend school there.

On May 31, 1886 he married Elizabeth Duevel.

Elizabeth Duevel was born May 6, 1860 in Hundeburg, Germany, the daughter of Henry and Clara (Trami) Duevel. In the year 1881, she came to America and was employed at Freeport until the time of her marriage.

After the marriage, the couple made their home on the home farm, which they further improved on, so that at the time of their retirement it was considered one of the finest equipped farms of the community.

In the year 1920, they retired from farming and have since made their home at Freeport. Despite their old age, both enjoy the best of health.

Bernard J. and Elizabeth (Duevel) Rohling are the parents of eight children.

Henry, born January 31, 1891, married Frances Walbeck and they reside at Melrose.

Joseph, born April 10, 1887, married Rose Gau, and they reside at Little Falls, where he operates a meat market.

Agnes, born January 17, 1889, is Mrs. Henry Briola of Albany.

William, born _____ married Alma Nathe of Meire Grove and they reside at Minneapolis.

Mina, born _____ is Mrs. John Bohte of St. Cloud.

Theodore, born October 27, 1894, married Beata Albin of Holdingford and they reside at St. Cloud where he operates a barber shop.

Aloys, born married Anna Kieve
of Freeport and they reside at St. Cloud.

Edward, born November 23, 1900, married Loretta Berelow of Swanville, and they reside at St. Cloud.

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MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK I, Page 531

Bernard Rohling and Elizabeth Duevel
Married at Freeport, May 31, 1886
By: Reverend Francis Mershman
Witnesses: Henry Kóopmeiners & Theresa Bormes

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK T, Page 10544

Henry A. Briol and Agnes Rohling
Married at Freeport, June 3, 1908
By: Reverend S. Koeffler, O.S.B.
Witnesses: Joseph Rohling and Mary Atkinson

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK W. Page 12294

Joseph Rohling and Rosa Gau
Married at Freeport, May 6, 1913
By: Rev. Meinrad Seifermann
Witnesses: Joseph Gau, Wilhelmina Rohling

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK X. Page 13177

John Bohte and Minnie Rohling
Married at Freeport, June 16, 1915
By: Rev. Meinrad Seifermann
Witnesses: Theodore Rohling and Tilly Wertin

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK Y, Page 13984

Henry J. Rohling and Frances Wolbeck
Married at New Munich, May 1, 1917
By: Reverend Luke Fink, O.S.B.
Witnesses: Alois Rohling & Katy Wolbeck

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK Z, Page 14552

Beata Abeln and Theodore Rohling
Married at Holdingford, Nov. 18, 1918
By: Rev. E. Schever
Witnesses: William Rohling & Teresa Abeln

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK 1, Page 15456

William H. Rohling & Alma Nathe
 Married at Meiers Grove, Sept. 6, 1920
 By: Reg. Martin Schmitt, O.S.B.
 Witnesses: Chas. M. Haupt & Stella Nathe

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK2, Page 15876

Alois Rohling and Annie Kieve
 Married at Freeport, June 14, 1921
 By Reverend Manus Ferdinand, O.S.B.
 Witnesses: Edward Rohling & Hilda Bushmann

BIRTH RECORDS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>
Barney Joseph	April 10, 1887	Millwood	Barney	
M. Agnes	Jan. 17, 1889	Millwood	Barney	27
Henry W.	Jan. 31, 1891	Millwood	Barney	31
Mary	April 16, 1893	Millwood	Barney	31
Theodore	Oct. 27, 1894	Millwood	Barney	35
George A.	Nov. 30, 1897	Millwood	Barney	38
Eddy	Nov. 23, 1900	Millwood	Barney	38

<u>MOTHERS NAME</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>LINE</u>	<u>MOTHER'S AGE</u>
Lizzie	B	86	6	
Elizabeth	B	152	22	28
Elizabeth	1891	112	3	30
	B1			
Elizabeth	1893	189	355	32
	B3			
Elizabeth	1894	165	394	32
	B4			
Elizabeth	1897	214	2	37
	B7			
Elizabeth	1900	234	6	39
	B10			