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SCHMITT, CHARLES T.

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Charles T. Schmitt was born in Munich, Germany May 19, 1858, and spent his boyhood in much the same manner as the other youths of his time and circumstances.

In 1877, Charles came to America, and located for a short time in New York. One year later Charles came to St. Cloud, Charles was here employed by Henry Herschbach in a granite shed as an apprentice granite cutter.

About 1881, Charles started a retail meat market located where the present Schmitt market stands today on St. Germain street. Charles operated this market until about 1902, when he disposed of his interests to the present owners. Charles then returned to the granite industry where he worked as a granite cutter until his retirement in 1918.

Charles T. Schmitt was married to Frances J. Kowalkowski daughter of John and Anna Kowalkowski October 20, 1882, at St. John's Church in St. Cloud.

Frances Kowalkowski was born January 3, 1864, in Buffalo, New York and immigrated to Minnesota with her parents when a young girl.

Charles T. and Frances J. (Kowalkowski) Schmitt were the parents of 11 children all born in St. Cloud in order of their birth they are Rose, Mary, William, Leopold, John, Charles, Katherine, Albert, Andrew, Leo, and one child who died as an infant.

Rose born \_\_\_\_\_ married John Poeppy of St. Cloud.

Mary, born \_\_\_\_\_ died September 14, 1906, in St. Cloud.

William, born \_\_\_\_\_ is married and lives in St. Cloud.

Leopold born \_\_\_\_\_ is also married and lives in St. Cloud.

John, born \_\_\_\_\_ lives in St. Cloud.

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Charles Jr. born \_\_\_\_\_ lives in St. Cloud.

Katherine, born \_\_\_\_\_ married Louis Koughlen she died January 19, 1937.

Albert, born \_\_\_\_\_ now lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Andrew born \_\_\_\_\_ is married and lives in St. Cloud.

Leo, born \_\_\_\_\_ is also married and lives in St. Cloud.

One other child died as a infant and was unnamed.

Charles T. Schmitt died March 26, 1937. Frances J. (Kowalkowski) Schmitt lives at 423- 9th Avenue North.

Interviewed: Frances (Kowalkowski) Schmitt  
By: Walter Jernberg  
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