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STEIN, NICHOLAS

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Among our native and pioneer sons of Stearns County we find Nicholas Stein. Nicholas Stein was born in Rockville township, Stearns County, on September 15, 1860, son of Casper and Mary (Rausch) Stein, both natives of Germany. Casper came to America in 1849 crossing the Atlantic in a sail boat and after landing in New York Casper Stein went to California to prospect for gold and after three years of hard work in California, he decided to go farther north and started back over the old trail coming to Minnesota. After about six months travel with oxen he crossed the Mississippi River by ferry near the present site of the Tenth Street bridge of Saint Cloud, Minnesota. He continued west until he reached the south shore of Grand Lake, in Rockville Township, Stearns County. Here Casper Stein settled on a government homestead. On this homestead, Nicholas Stein was born September 15, 1860.

Nicholas Stein received his education in the old country log school near Pearl Lake, his first instructor was Joseph Lemm. This school he attended until he was twelve years old and then he worked for his father, Casper Stein, on the farm.

Nicholas Stein states when he was twelve years old his father harvested 1,000 bushels of wheat on his farm which was cradled by hand by his father, and his mother raked it together and tied it into bundles. After all this work the wheat was stacked and Nicholas, a lad of twelve years, pitched every bundle on the stacks.

Nicholas Stein bought the homestead of his father when he was twenty-three years old and devoted practically all his middle age years to farming until 1912, when he retired and moved to Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

Nicholas Stein was married May 27, 1883 to Mary Brauch, daughter of

Nicholas and Margurette (Loech) Brauch who were pioneer settlers of Luxemburg. The marriage took place in the Catholic Church of Saint Wendelin of Luxemburg, Minnesota and was performed by the Reverend Father Benedict who also had officiated at the marriage of his father and mother, Casper and Mary (Rausch) Stein.

To Nicholas and Mary (Brauch) Stein was born one daughter, Margurette, who is now Mrs. Adolph Faerber, of Saint Cloud, Minnesota. They have two children, Nicholas, and Albert Faerber.

Nicholas and Mary (Brauch) Stein are living in their retiring age at 720 Court House Square, Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

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Kasper Stien	Age 31
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Born	Luxemburg
Mary Stien	Age 25
Sex	Female
Born	Luxemburg
Cathern Stien	Age 1
Sex	Female
Born	Minnesota

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Nicola Brauch

Age 36

Sex

Male

Occupation

Farmer

Born

Luxemburg

Margret Brauch

Age 23

Sex

Female

Born

Luxemburg