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William Vanderwal was born December 5, 1882 in Dayton, Ohio, a son of George Henry and Willamena Vanderwal. The father, George Henry, was a native of Holland, and the mother, Willamena, a native of Germany.

George Henry Vanderwal came to America in 1870 and settled in Dayton, Ohio, where he established a general merchandise store which was operated by the Vanderwal family until George Henry Vanderwal's death in 1899.

William Vanderwal attended the grade school in Dayton, Ohio and completed the eight grade, then going to Cincinnati, Ohio and attending high school for two years.

In 1899 William Vanderwal started to clerk in a General Merchandise Store in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he worked for five years. He came to Minnesota in 1904 and was employed in Melrose, Minnesota as a bartender in a refreshment stand for ten years.

In 1914 William Vanderwal came to Saint Cloud, Minnesota and was employed by the Public Service Company of Saint Cloud, Minnesota in the Gas Department as steam engineer. He was employed there for four years. In 1918 he went to Saint Augusta, Minnesota and did some tile and dredging work. He returned to Saint Cloud in 1921 to his former position as steam engineer at the gas plant, where he worked until a few years ago. At the present time William Vanderwal is employed at the Saint Cloud Teacher's College as Chief Engineer.

William Vanderwal was married in the Catholic Church of Saint Augusta, Minnesota May 18, 1918 to Theresa Wolters who was a daughter of Gerhart and Philemina (Fibbe) Wolters who were pioneer farmers of Saint Augusta, Minnesota.

Gerhart Wolters, father of Theresa, was born in Germany October, 1845. In 1867 he came to the United States and located in Saint Augusta township,

Stearns County. He farmed in Sections 7, 8, and 18 on a two hundred acre farm, which he had purchased from his father-in-law, Henry Fibbe. Gerhart married Philemina Fibbe on November 22, 1869.

Philemina Fibbe was born in Saint Augusta in 1855, shortly after her parents, Henry and Agnes A. Fibbe, settled in that township. She was the first white child to be born in Saint Augusta township.

Gerhart and Philemina (Fibbe) Wolters were the parents of seventeen children.

Gerhart Wolters died May 2, 1897.

The wedding of William and Theresa (Wolters) Vanderwal was performed by Father Walcher, pastor of the Saint Augusta Catholic Church. No children were born to their union.

Theresa (Wolters) Vanderwal died December 11, 1931 and was buried in the Saint Augusta Cemetery.

Interviewed: William Vanderwal
Date: October 9, 1936
By: N. P. Kruchten

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FROM THE CENSUS RECORDS OF 1860

Enumerated on July 14, 1860 by-- C. Grandelmeyer

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Page No. 91

Henry Fibbe	Age 43
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Born	Hanover
Agnes Fibbe	Age 32
Sex	Female
Born	Hanover
Elizabeth Fibbe	Age 14
Sex	Female
Born	Hanover
Helemena Fibbe	Age 5
Sex	Female
Born	Minnesota
Mary Fibbe	Age 1
Sex	Female
Born	Minnesota

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE WILLIAM VANDERWAL BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK Z. PAGE 14418

William Vanderval and Theresia Wolters

Married at St. Augusta, May 21st, 1918

By: Rev. James Walcher

Witnesses: John Wolters and Berna Eveslage

DEATH RECORD BOOK X. PAGE 8 LINE 245

Theresa Vanderwall, Born in St. Augusta, November 18, 1873

Daughter of Gerhard Wolters and Philomine Fibbe

Died December 11, 1931

Age 58 years 23 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK 1897 A-7 PAGE 159 LINE 3

Gerhard Wolters, Died May 2, 1897

Son of Gerhard and Elizabeth Wolters

Age 54 years

VANDERWAL, WM.

Second interview to affirm or correct information in biography as compared to information as listed in the legal records in the Stearns County Court House.

CORRECTION:

Marriage of William and Theresa Vanderwal on May 21, 1918 is correct as stated in the legal records.

CORRECTION:

Birth of Gerhard Wolters on October 1843 is correct as stated in the legal records.

Reinterviewed: William Vanderwal
Date: December 7, 1937
By: Dean Nelson