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WAGNER, MATHIAS

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Mathias Wagner was born in Germany February 11, 1855, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner.

Mathias Wagner's parents came over to America in 1856. Their trip to Minnesota was made by steamboat and ox cart. They settled near Jacob's Prairie, where they homesteaded a farm. They lived on this farm for the remainder of their lives, and when they passed away they left the farm to their only son, Mathias. Mathias kept the farm for some time, and later sold it to John Schenck for a home in Saint Cloud and two hundred dollars. When Mathias came to Saint Cloud he engaged in various lines of work.

Mathias got his schooling in Jacob's Prairie, where he learned to read and write and figure. His teacher was Mr. Gans.

Mathias says that when he was on the farm with his parents, they had to leave the farm every night to come to St. Cloud, because they needed protection from the Indians. These nightly trips were made for some time, he recalls.

Mathias Wagner was married to Magdalena Miller January 10, 1882 in the Catholic Church of Jacob's Prairie.

Mathias and Magdalena (Miller) Wagner have one child a daughter, Anna Wagner, who now is Mrs. Ben Gohmen.

Interviewed: Mathias Wagner
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Mathias Wagner and Magdalena Miller

Married at St. James Parish January 10, 1882

By: Rev. Othmar O. S. B.

Witnesses: John Winkel and Christine Liethr