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Mary Walz, the daughter of Andrew and Anna Mary (Klob) Walz was born December 18, 1854 in Peru, Illinois. Her parents, Andrew and Anna Mary (Kolb) Walz came from Germany. They lived in New York for six months, then went to Illinois where they lived for two years. They then came to Minnesota and settled on a farm in St. Martin. The first summer they lived in a cellar until the harvest was over and they built a log house.

At the Sioux Indian outbreak the people all gathered together at one place in the evenings. During the day the men would work in the fields. It was during this war that Andrew Walz took his family back to Illinois. Two years later they came back to Minnesota and took a claim at Meire Grove.

As there were very few trees on the place they had to haul timber from Melrose to build a house and also that which they used for firewood.

The chief crop was wheat. Enough oats and corn was raised to supply their own needs. The grain was cut with a cradle at first, then it was cut later on with a horsepower threshing machine. The first complete crop failure occurred in the year 1873, due to the grasshopper scourge of that year. They came in such large swarms that at times the sun would be hidden by the clouds of grasshoppers. After completing their destruction they all left.

Mary Walz married John Blonigan in 1880. On September 17, 1881 John Blonigan died and he is buried at St. Martin. He was born in 1856 a son of John Senior and Elizabeth Blonigan. John Senior died June-25, 1898.

In 1882 Mary (Walz) Blonigan married Frank Weisser and they had eight children, namely: Johanna was born May 9, 1894 and was married September 5, 1906 to Joseph L. Capser and they have three children: Genevieve, LeRoy and Georgianna. They live at Berkely, California.

Joseph was born April 22, 1886 and is married to Nellie Stanton. They have no children of their own but have adopted two. They live at Forest Lake, Minnesota.

Josephine was born April 30, 1888 and was married to Michael Premious on April 23, 1912 and has three children: Rene, Robert and Michael. They live in St. Cloud.

Rosalie was born in 1890, was married on June 30, 1914 to John Eabnot, and has four children. They are Rosemary, John, Bernice and Dona May. They live at St. Cloud.

Aloys was born January 9, 1892 and was married on May 20, 1913 to Mary Hoffman and they have five children. They are Edward, Henry, George, Bernard and Marion. They live at Luck, Wisconsin.

George Weisser was born August 11, 1894 and he drowned on June 20, 1910. He is buried in the St. Boniface Cemetery at Melrose.

Frank Junior was born in 1896, is married to Myrtle Yost, and they have two children Mary Jane and Betty Lou. They live at Forest Lake.

Bernard was born on November 17, 1903 and he died when he was a year and a half old, on May 30, 1905. He is buried in the St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery at Melrose.

Mary (Walz) (Blonigan) Weissier, the person who heads this biography is living in Melrose. Her husband Frank Weissier died September 24, 1931 and he is buried in the St. Boniface Catholic cemetery at Melrose.

MARY (WALZ) (BLONIGAN) WEISSER

Interviewed by: Anna Kramer  
Interviewed: Mary (Walz) (Blonigan) Weissier  
Date: September 2, 1937

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WEISSER, MARY (BLONIGAN)

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

CORRECTION: Marriage of John Blonigan and Mary Walz on February 28, 1881 is correct as stated in legal records.

CORRECTION: Marriage of Frank Weissier and Mary (Walz) Blonigan on May 1, 1883 is correct as stated in legal records.

CORRECTION: Spelling of name Weisser is correct as stated in legal records.

AFFIRMED: Birth of Rosalia is correct as stated in biography.

Reinterviewed: Rosalia (Weisser) Ebnet  
Date: March 21, 1938  
By: Dean Nelson

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TAKEN FROM THE LEGAL RECORDS OF THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
FOR THE MARY (WALZ)(BLONIGAN) WEISSER BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK G, Page 79

John Blonigan and Mary Walz  
Married at St. Martin, Feb. 28, 1881  
By Rev. Ludger Ahrens, O. S. B.  
Witnesses: Nic Blonigan and J. Walz  
Nic Walz and N. M. Blonigan

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MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK H, Page 174

Frank J. Weiser and Mary Blonigan  
Married at Melrose, May 1, 1883  
By Reverend William Eversman  
Witnesses: John Waly and Theresia Weiser

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MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK S, Page 9953

Joseph L. Capser and Jennie Weisser  
Married at Melrose, September 5, 1906  
By Rev. Otto Weisser  
Witnesses: George W. Capser and Josephine Weisser

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MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK V, Page 11906

Micheal Primus and Josephine Weisser  
Married at Melrose, April 23, 1912  
By Rev. B. Richter  
Witnesses: J. A. Primus and Rosalie Weisser

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MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK W, Page 12305

Aloys J. Weisser and Mary Hoffman  
Married at Melrose, May 20, 1913  
By Reverend B. Richter  
Witnesses: Frank Weisser and Lena Hawla

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MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK W, Page 12780

John F. Ebnet and Rosalia Wesser  
Married at Melrose, June 30, 1914  
By Rev. B. Richter  
Witnesses: Frank B. Weisser and Caroline Ebnet

TAKEN FROM THE LEGAL RECORDS OF THE STEARNS COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
FOR THE MARY (WALZ)(BLONIGAN) WEISSER BIOGRAPHY

DEATH RECORD, BOOK A, PAGE 87, Line 7

John Blonigan died Sept. 17, 1881  
Age 25 years, 7 months  
Son of John and Elizabeth Blonigan

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DEATH RECORD, BOOK 1898, A-8, Page 194, Line 3

John Blonigan son of John Blonigan and Elizabeth Helmer  
Died June 25, 1898, age 73 years, 3 months

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DEATH RECORD, BOOK 1905, A-14, Page 218, Line 1

Bernard Weisser, born in Minnesota, Nov. 17, 1903  
Son of F. J. Weisser and Mary Walz  
Died May 30, 1905, age 1 year, 6 months, 13 days

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DEATH RECORD, BOOK C, Page 137, Line 1

George Weisser born in Minnesota, Aug. 10, 1894  
Son of F. J. Weisser and Mary Walz  
Died June 20, 1910, age 15 years, 10 months, 10 days

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DEATH RECORD, BOOK D, PAGE 29, Line 12

Andrew J. Walz, died May 28, 1911  
Age 84 years

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DEATH RECORD, BOOK G, PAGE 5, Line 148

Anna Marie Walz born in Bavaria, Germany  
November, 1830, died Jan. 28, 1914  
Age 83 years.

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DEATH RECORD, BOOK X, Page 8, Line 260

Frank J. Weisser born in Germany, June 30, 1859  
Son of Ferdinand Weisser and Johanna Reiter  
Died September 24, 1931  
Age 72 years, 2 months, 24 days.