

its hopes and its fears, its conflicts and triumphs; and his has left here now at the age of 84 years. All that could be done was done to ease his pain and make him as comfortable as possible.

Obituary of Mrs. Amandus Studer

Mrs. Amandus Studer was born in Loderingen, Germany on June 10, 1820 and died at the home of her son Frank, on January 30, 1908, aged 87 years, 7 months and 20 days. She was united in marriage to Amandus Studer in August, 1842. They emigrated to Canada in 1847 moving from there to Illinois in 1870 and to Iowa in 1874, locating at Ackley from which place they moved to Wesley in 1883. To them were born 10 children, all of whom are living but one.

Deceased leaves to mourn her loss 156 descendants, consisting of nine children 76 grandchildren. The following are the surviving children: August, Joseph, Nathan, Mrs. George Spengler, Mrs. Mary Paul, Amandus, Gregory, Mrs. Frank Immerfall and Frank who were all in attendance at the funeral except August who was unable to be in attendance due to sickness in his family.

The funeral services were held at the St. Benedict Catholic Church Saturday morning conducted by Father Erdman and the remains were laid to rest in the St. Benedict Cemetery beside those of her husband who died in July, 1904.

Mrs. Studer was a devout Catholic and devoted much time to her church.

The great destroyer had placed his signet on her brow and today the hundreds who

loved her living, mourn her dead.

In the presence of such a sorrow how cold and impotent are words and how deep would be the grief over the grave did not the rainbow of Christian hope span the dark gulf between time and eternity, and such pure bright lives inspire the belief that here is a better world beyond where, filled from the corroding cares of earth, the good and true and reunited "after life's fulfill fever".

Mrs. Studer remained conscious to the last, and although fully aware that her life was near its close, she manifested no dread but bravely awaited the termination of the struggle.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to sorrowing relatives in their bereavement.

Additions by Richard E., (born Françoise Bollinger July 9, 1821 in Obersultsbach [now called Soppe-le-haut] Alsace, France. Married Sept. 1, 1843 Oberbruck Alsace, France).☺

The children of Amandus and Francisca

The following are several short synopses of the lives and times of the ten children of Amandus and Francisca Studer.

Augustin: Born in 1848. Augustin became a merchant, operating a store/post office in the town of Sexton, Iowa. He also farmed a large piece of land just south of Wesley. This farm has been owned by the Studer family for well over 100 years. The

current owner is Merlin Studer, Augustins' great grandson. Augustin married Mary Paul and they had ten children. Augustin died June 25, 1933. Their children:



A photo of Augustin and Mary Pauls family.

- Nathan.....Born in 1871
- John Nathan ..Born in 1873
- ElizabethBorn in 1875
- Frank
- Eramus (E.R. Ross)
- Martin.....Born in 1886
- Julius G.Born in 1890
- MagnusBorn in 1893

Joseph: Born in 1850. Joseph was the second oldest of the ten Studer children. Joseph and his wife Catherine Hoffer, lived for nearly nine years in the Ackley, Iowa area. There the first five living children were born. Along with the rest of their families, they then moved to the Wesley/St. Benedict area. Joseph worked a farm just north of Wesley. While living on this farm he and Catherine had five more children. Their nine progeny who would reach adulthood included:

- Josephs Children:
- WilliamBorn in 1872. Died 1873
 - Mary.....Born in 1874
 - Edward.....Born in 1875
 - Vincent (Willard)....Born in 1877
 - George.....Born in 1879
 - Joseph A.....Born in 1881
 - Matilda.....Born in 1882. Died 1886
 - AlbertBorn in 1884
 - EugeneBorn in 1886
 - LeoBorn in 1889
 - LydiaBorn in 1891



Photo of Joseph Studer

Ignatius: (Nathan or Nate) Born December 17, 1851 in St. Agatha, Ontario, Canada. Nate at one time owned over 1500? acres of land in Kossuth and Hancock counties of Iowa. He was one of the organizers of the Bank of Wesley and was bank president for ten years. He married Otilia Schulte (also originally from St. Agatha, Ontario), and they parented sixteen children, of which eight survived into adulthood. Two of his daughters entered the Order of the Sisters of St. Francis, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Ignatius Studer. Born December 17, 1851

Ignatius' Children:

- Edward A., Excelsior, Minnesota
- A. E. Holdfact, Saskachiwan, Canada
- Ben G., Wesley, Iowa
- Julius P., Wesley, Iowa
- Sister Bernadette, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Bertha Richtsmeier, Iowa Falls, Iowa
- Sister Mira, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Henry, Wesley, Iowa
- Anne, Eugene, Clara, Fredrick, Isabelle, Ignatius and Joseph.

Theresa: Born July 23, 1853 in St. Agatha, Ontario, Canada. Theresa married George Spengler on February 24, 1873 at

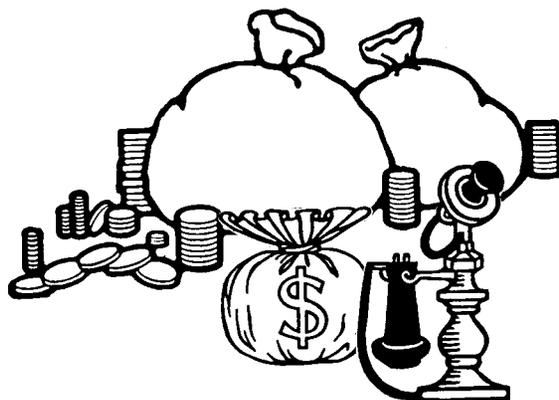


Theresa (Tracy) Studer

Freeport, Illinois. They lived at 802 Galena Avenue until Therasas' death on May 4, 1931. Theresa and George had eight children.

Therasas' Children:

- Rose Keller, Iowa Falls, Iowa
- Lucy Day, Fairibault, Minnesota
- Mayme Smith, Rockford, Illinois
- Matilda Seeker, Freeport, Illinois
- Frank Spengler, Lake Park, Iowa
- George Spengler, Fort Everly, Iowa
- Leonard Spengler, Freeport, Illinois



Maria Agatha: (Mary) Born in 1855 in St. Agatha, Ontario, Canada. Mary married Peter Paul who was a native of Hohenzollern, Germany. Together they operated a farm in Lena, Illinois. They had seven children. Mary died in 1926 and Peter died in 1909



Maria Agatha and Peter Paul with their children.

Maria Agathas' Children:

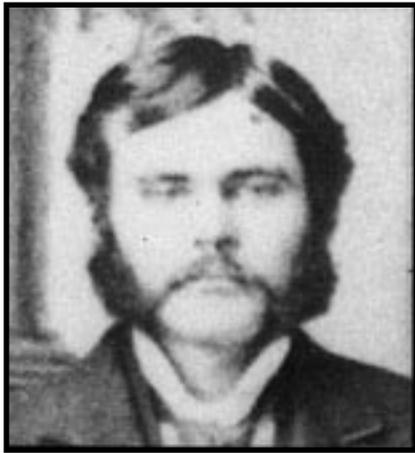
- PaulindaBorn 1871-1894
- Theresia.....1872-1931 m/ Max Schade
- Mike1874-1931 never married
- Peter L.....1876-1949 m/ Margaret Nicholas
- Elizabeth1878-1949 m/ Fred Garber
- Jacob1881-1936 m/ Florence Skinner
- Carolina.....1886- m/ Henry Nichols

Nicholas: Born November. 14, 1856 in St. Agatha, Ontario, Canada. Nicholas also farmed the Wesley area. He married Sara Richtsmeier on April 6, 1880. Together they had eight children. Unfortunately Nicholas died of a ruptured appendix at a young age. He passed away October 29, 1894, leaving

Sarah to raise five children on her own. Six years later Sara also died leaving Amandus, Jacob, Peter, Mary and Veronica orphaned. It is said that the grandparents and Uncle Nate helped raise these children.

Nicholas' son Amandus moved to Lakeville, Minnesota after marrying Hazel Finn. He farmed in that area for many years before passing on in his early nineties. He parented a large family while living in this southeastern town. His son James became a priest after attending St. John's University and serving in his countries military. Another son was a pilot in WWII. He was shot down and killed over Bulgaria. When interviewed by Richard E. Studer in 1977, Amandus recalled how his grandparents would visit his mother via horse and buggy in the period immediately following his father's death. His memory was that of a jolly and wonderful grandfather (his namesake) contrasted by a rather stern grandmother.





A photo of Nicholas Studer.

Nicholas' Children:

- MaryBorn 1881 died young
- NicholasBorn 1882 died as in
- BarbaraBorn 1883 died as in
- MaryBorn 1885 m/William Ripperberger
- Amandus H.Born 1886 m/Hazel Finn
- JacobBorn 1888 m/ Bertha Kenefick
- VeronicaBorn 1889 m/ Al Kramer
- PeterBorn 1891 m/Lydia Richtsmeier
Peters 2nd wife is Elsie

Amandus: Born in 1858, St. Agatha, Ontario, Canada. Amandus A. Jr., married Rose Barbara Lickteig and they had thirteen children. Amandus Jr. was a farmer in the Wesley, Iowa vicinity for his entire life. Rose died in 1910 and Amandus Jr. died in 1925.

Amandus and Roses son Dennis died seven weeks after his enlisting in the Navy. He had been sent to the Great Lakes region to become a 3rd class fireman. He died from influenzal pneumonia. Another son, Max was a corporal in the marines. Their son John was also called to the colors in the second draft. He was the oldest son and for some years before the war was carpentering in South Dakota.



The almost all girl family of Gregory and Mary Studer.

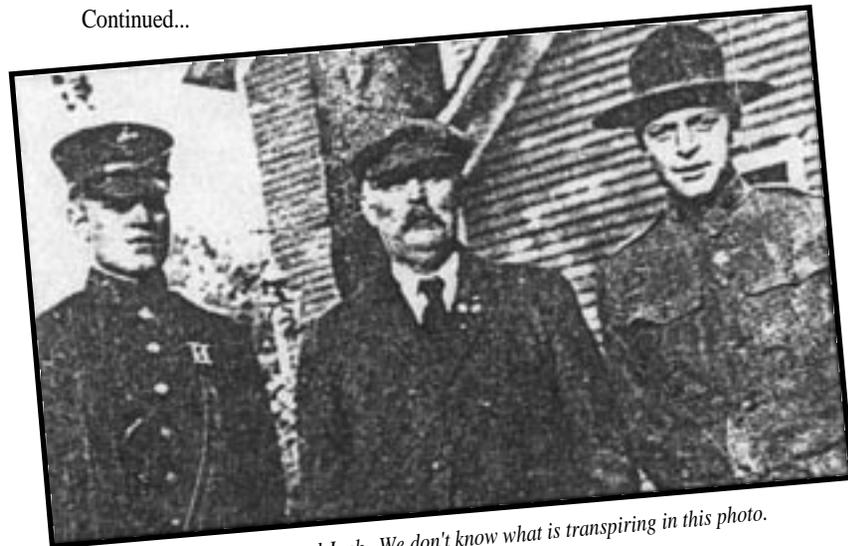
Amandus' Children:

- Isabel died as an infant
- Lucy (1887-1971).....m/ Louis Schleusner
- Rose (1888-1908).....m/ Ed Ferrie
- Anna (1888-1918).....m/ Henry Haverly
- Mary Ida (1890 to 1890)
- John L. (1891-1945).....m/ Viola Luken
- Alfons (1893-1962).....m/ Isabella Haverly
- Dennis (1895-1918).....died, WWI in Navy
- Maximus (1898-1953).....m/ Norine Huber
- Monica (1900-1971).....m/ Fred Bohn
- Henry (1902-1967).....m/ Ida Lickteig
- Agnes (1905-).....m/ John McCloskey
- Lillian (1909-).....m/ Larry Dalgetty

Gregory: Born in 1860, in St. Agatha, Canada. Gregory farmed in the Wesley area and married Mary Ludwig. He and Mary raised a large family of eleven, mostly girls. After the deaths of his parents he purchased their farm in St. Benedict, living there until his own death in 1947. This farm is now owned by his granddaughter.

Gregorys Children:

- Francis.....married Mathew Fasbender
- Reginamarried Bernard Dorr
- Victoriamarried John Arend
- Continued...



A photo of Amandus Jr., Max and Jack. We don't know what is transpiring in this photo.

- Marymarried John McKenna

- Gregorys Children, continued:
- Claramarried James Marso
 - Clementnever married
 - Clestinemarried Charles Marso
 - Magadalene...married John Marso
 - Genevievemarried John Wimmer
 - Elenoramarried Dominic Bruxer
 - Leandermarried Irene Keloh

Margaret: Born November 28, 1862 in St. Agatha, Ontario, Canada. Margaret married Frank Immerfall in Iowa. They then moved to the Avon, Minnesota area in 1900. While living in this small village several miles west of St. Cloud they two children of their own. Showing great love and charity they also made a home and family for three children adopted off the "orphan trains" that came through from New York and other points east. Their children were:

- Annemarried Frank Fisher
- Amandusmarried Mary Knoblach

The photo of Margaret & her children is located on the following page.





Margaret, Frank, Anne and Amandus

farmed a large plot of prairie land. Frank died in 1950 at Whitewood, Canada. Their children are:

- Fred H.
- John F.
- Herman J.
- Gregory
- Frank A.
- Robert J.
- Nick



A story about Joseph & Catherine and their lineage.

This book of genealogical history primarily focuses on the Joseph Studer family and its direct lineage. Please

Frank Mark: (Marcus Franciscus) Born April 25, 1866 in St. Agatha, Waterloo Ontario, Canada. Frank married Francisca Schumacher in St. Benedict, Iowa area. They had seven sons. He farmed his fathers land for a short time and then moved his own family to east end



The All boy family of Frank Mark and Francisca Studer.

Saskatchewan, Canada. Frank was well known around St. Benedict, Algona and Wesley, for his fiddle playing. In Canada he

bear with us as we lift Joseph Studer out of birth order in an attempt

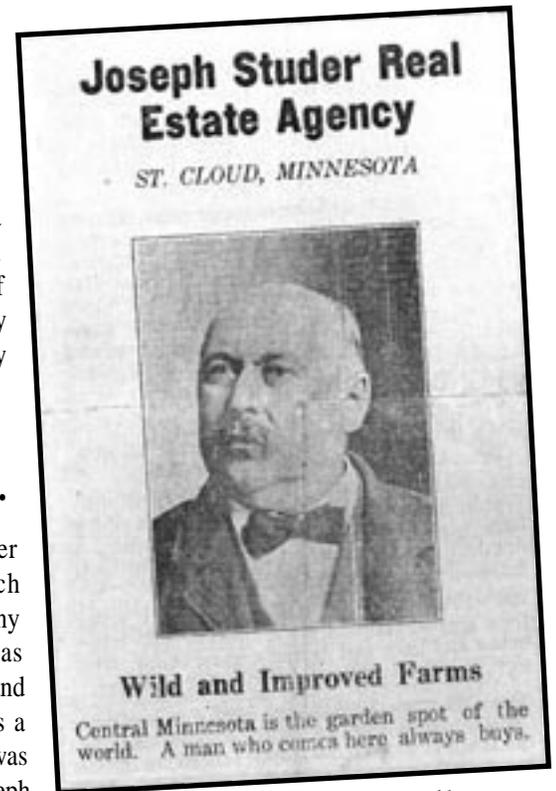
to concentrate on his life and times.

Joseph Studer, as well as farming, also became a land agent, dealing in farm properties in several states. Some of his deals were made in the St. Cloud, Minnesota area. St. Cloud was a picturesque community on the Mississippi River about seventy miles northwest of Minneapolis. This area was very appealing to the land broker and ultimately Joseph decided to move there.

Joseph Studer moves from Iowa to St. Cloud Minnesota.

In 1900 Joseph and Catherine Studer made a momentous decision which would effect the future lives of many people. The area around St. Cloud was certainly not the high quality farming land Joseph was used to in Iowa. But it was a good place to raise a family and land was much cheaper here than in Wesley. Joseph decided that an equal amount of Minnesota land plus the added bonus of cash was worth the upheaval of leaving the rich Iowa soil behind. Actually, the move was not wholly without reason. Josephs sister, Margaret, moved to Avon, not more than fifteen miles from St. Cloud. Perhaps her land agent brother was able to assist her in securing a home in that area.

Most of the family accompanied Joseph and Catherine to Minnesota with the exception of Mary, who had married Ed Huber. She would remain in Iowa and help her husband run the farm. The first residence of the Studer family was a farm in Haven Township, just south of the Minnesota State Reformatory. Everyone did their share of work on the farm. It was during this time



A copy of Joseph Studers Real Estate pamphlet.

period that Joseph was involved in an accident that would eventually take the sight from one eye. While driving a horse drawn hayrack, Joseph was struck in the face by a tree branch that had bent back (possibly by one of the horses). Within several months he had totally lost sight in this eye. Because of this blindness, Joseph was unable to continue farming and left the farm to reside in the city of St. Cloud proper. A year or two later, while walking on an icy sidewalk, Joseph slipped and struck his head on a water hydrant. As a result he lost the sight in his second eye.

Joseph and Catherine Studer lived at several addresses in St. Cloud before building a home at 125 2nd Avenue Northeast. In spite

of the disadvantages of his blindness, Joseph remained very active in the community. He involved himself in the local real estate



125 2nd Avenue Northeast, the St. Cloud residence of Joseph and Catherine Studer.

market as well as dealing in granite monuments and even herbs. "Grandpa?! Is Alpenkrauter (the herb) made into a schnapps or a patented stomach soother?" Joseph eventually owned several investment properties on the East side of St. Cloud and was able to support himself quite well.

Catherine passed away in 1915 at the age of 65. It is believed that Catherine (Hoffer) Studer died of colon cancer. Her daughter Mary, sons William, Albert and Eugene also died of colon cancer. Several of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren also have had disease of the colon.

Joseph was able to survive her for sixteen years until he himself passed away in 1931 at the age of 81. Both Joseph and Catherine are buried in Calvary Cemetery, St. Cloud.



Joseph Studer in his later years.



Catherine (Hoffer) Studer.

The children of Joseph and Catherine

The following are several short synopses of the lives and adventures of the eleven children of Joseph and Catherine Studer. Take note that there may be additional information and or photos about each of these individuals located on their personal history charts. These charts can be found on page 30 through 95.

Wilhelm or William Jacob: The first child born to Joseph and Catherine on December 8, 1872. He died October 16, 1873

from an unknown childhood disease. It is believed that Joseph and Catherine still lived on a farm near Eldora, Iowa at this time.

Mary: Born May 16, 1874. She was born either at Eldora or Ackley, Iowa. As a young girl she moved with her family to Wesley, Iowa. There she married Edward Huber. They remained in the area and had twelve children. Elmer, Louis, Aurelia, Roy, Madlene, Irvin, Elenore, Vernon, Minnie Marie, Fay and James.

Edward assisted by his older sons, operated a steam threshing machine. They did this for many years. At some point in history Ed and Mary moved their family to Princeton,

Wisconsin. All of their children made the move except Louis. To date, several members of this family still reside in Princeton. Mary died of cancer at the age of 52. Several of her children also died of cancer. Mary is buried in Calvary Cemetery in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Edward died in 1931 at the age of 53.

Edward J. (Ed): Born July 16, 1875 in Ackley, Iowa.. He attended Catholic school in Wesley, Iowa. Ed married Clara Lease and

they farmed near Corwith, Iowa. It was in Corwith that their three boys were born: Maurice, Vernon and Wilbur. Besides farming, Ed was (for awhile) a butcher. Ed died in April of 1962 in Algona, Iowa. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Wesley, Iowa.

Maurice married and lived at Garner, Iowa. He and his wife had two children Jerry and Linda. Both live in Mason City, Iowa.

Wilbur had one son, Gary. Gary farms near Corwith, Iowa.

Vernon J. and Lucia had four children: Muriel, Vernon, Carla and Caroline.

William: Born September of 1877. William was named after their first son who had died as an infant. Will, as he was called, came with his family to Wesley. As a young boy he attended Catholic school. Will married a teacher, Mary Margaret Keating, on April 18, 1899. Will worked as a teamster while in Wesley. About 1900 they moved to St. Cloud, Minnesota. Williams wife Mary, died shortly after their first child Marie, was born. Mary Margaret is buried in Wesley, Iowa. Marie was raised by her grandparents, Joseph and Catherine in St. Cloud. Marie married Willmer DesMarais and raised a large family.

In 1904 Will married again. He married Laura Severt and they had three sons: Raymond F., Alfred and Irvin. Will worked as a streetcar conductor and operator for the Whitney Electric Company. He also operated a fuel delivery truck for N.W. Oil Co. Will died in 1924. After his death, Laura remarried Matt Goedert.



George: Born April 22, 1879 in Ackley, Iowa. He also made the move with the family to Wesley, Iowa. In 1900 George came to a farm in Haven Township, St. Cloud Minnesota. George married Marion Hibbard. They stayed in

George and Marion moved to a farm near Rockville, Minnesota. There they had two more children, Margaret and Hubert. George was a farmer most of his life. After selling his farm he retired to live in Minneapolis. There he died August 7, 1957. As of 1992 all of George and

Joseph A.: Born February 28, 1881. See page 46 for more detailed information regarding his lineage.

Matilda: Born in 1882 in Ackley, Iowa. The second daughter of Joseph and Catherine. Matilda died very young of an undefined childhood disease in 1886.

Albert: Born in 1884. Albert was 16 years old when he moved with his family to the farm in Haven Township. Albert married Elizabeth Bechtold and they had five children: Walter Eugene, Julian, Jerome, Delores, and Marcelline. Albert operated a dray line in Foreston, Minnesota. It was located several miles East of St. Cloud. For many years he used a team of horses and a wagon to transport his merchandise. Later a small truck was purchased and used. Albert died May 20, 1948 at the age of 64. His wife Liz, lived into her nineties.

Eugene: Born November 22, 1886. Eugene married Mabel McGee in St. Cloud. They had seven children: Virginia, Jean, Constance (Connie) Collette, John, Leon and William (who died as a young boy). Eugene was a farmer for a short period of time, living at Rice and Little Falls, Minnesota. But most of his working years were spent as an agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Eugene died April 12, 1945 at the age of 59. Mabel moved to Seattle, Washington, so she could be close to her daughters. Both Gene and Mable are buried in St. Cloud.

Leo: Born May 24, 1889. He was eleven when the family made its move to Minnesota. Leo married Winifredia Kelley and they had nine children: Geneva, Josphine, Richard, Lodema, Sidney, Amos, Arleda, Roger and Arvilla. Leo was a farmer most of his working years. The farm was located at St. Wendel, Minnesota. Winnie died when the children were quite young. But Leo and children remained on the farm. During WWII Leo worked in Michigan for several years. After returning to St. Cloud he worked in manufacturing for a few years. Leo died at the age of 78, November 16, 1967.



From Left to right, the back row: Eugene, Albert, Edward, Lydia, Leo, William. Front row: Joseph A., Mary and George.

Haven Township and there had two children.

Their first child George Howard was born November 13, 1902. Another son Henry Albert (Harry) was born June 10, 1905.

Marions children have died. Hubert died quite young, Margaret died next and Harry died in 1990 at age 85. George Howard died in San Diego, California on March 17, 1992 at the age of 89.

Matilda is buried in Wesley, Iowa.

Lydia: Born in 1891. Lydia spent the majority of her years in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Lydia married Andrew Engels and they had three daughters: Driscilla, Mardell and Kathleen. Lydia was a mother and housewife. Andrew worked for the Ladner Hardware store all his working years. After the death of his wife, Lydias father Joseph, lived with Lydia and Andrew for several years. Lydia died at the age of 84 on July 18, 1975. She was the last of Joseph and Catherines children to die.

Joseph A. Studer farms in St. Cloud, Minnesota

Joseph Alexander Studer was the fourth son and fifth child of Joseph and Catherine Studer. Joe A. was Amandus Studers grandson.

At the time of his fathers untimely accident and subsequent lose of sight, Joseph was employed by A.A. Eich and Company, of St. Cloud. Joseph had married Margaret Dowling who was originally from Haven Township. Sometime after Joseph Sr. had moved into St. Cloud, Joe A. and his bride moved onto the family farm. Their first five children were born while the couple lived on this farm. They were: James (born 1905), Robert (born 1907), Charles (born 1909), Genevieve (born 1910) and Joseph M. (born 1913).

Following their tenure on the original Haven Township farm, Joe A. and Margaret moved their growing family to a series of different farms over a relatively short period of time. The first move was to a farm just south of St. Cloud, in Stearns County. It was located near Pleasant lake. They stayed at this location for only a brief period of time before they packed up and moved to a farm a few

mile northeast of Sauk Rapids, in Benton County, Minnesota. About the time of the move from Pleasant lake to Sauk Rapids, the Studers had their sixth child, a boy who they named Vincent W. (Willard), born in 1915. After only one year at this location they moved again to a farm one quarter mile east. It was known as the Tarpenning farm. One year later they moved yet again to another far,



Joseph A. Studer and his new bride Margaret (Dowling) Studer, as they wait outside their wedding carriage.

this time a full one half miles East. It was called the Keikow farm. It was on the Keikow farm that the seventh child was born in 1917. Another son, a fine lad named Lawrence. He too was destined to move!

The next home of the wayfaring Studers was a farm several miles to the North, along the Sauk Rapids/Mayhew Lake road. It was known as the Sartell farm. Located three miles South of the Mayhew Lake Catholic Church, this was a large farm with a large red barn. It came complete with silo and spacious two-story white house. While living in this idyllic place he final three Studer children

were born: Mary Ellen (born 1920), Richard (born 1922) and Daniel (born 1926). It was at this time that the family made perhaps their most notorious contribution to local folklore.

This era of the American experience was unique in many ways, not the least of which was the legal prohibition of the manufacture and use of alcoholic beverages. This meant

Minnesota 13. This was the name for home distilled (brew) or moonshine, made in Minnesota. It was illegal. But with a weakening economy, an alternative source of income was needed.

The ingredients had to be purchased in several locations to avoid suspicion. Minnesota corn was easy to get, but sugar and yeast purchased in large quantities, were usually reported to Federal agents. As far away as New York and California, it was said that people in soft drink parlors were asking for Minnesota 13.



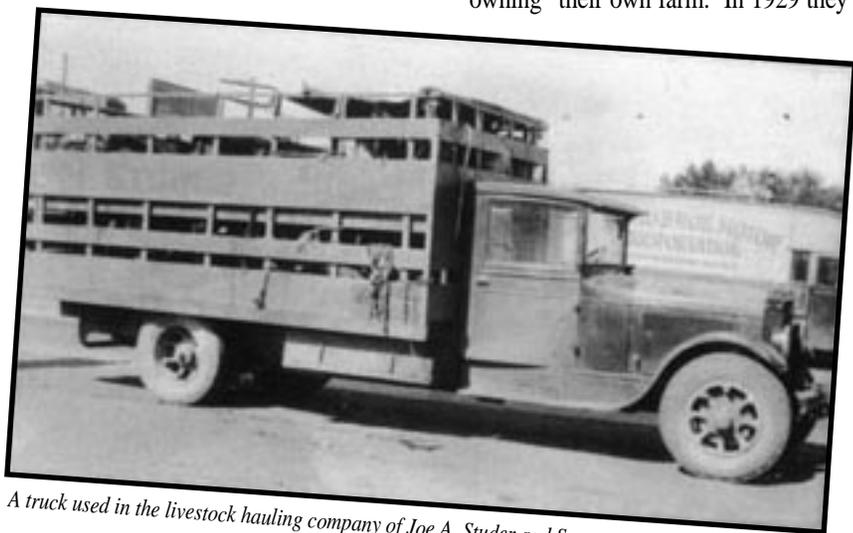
The Studer Still. Robert Studer is shown in photo.

everything! This well intended, but impossible to enforce legislation, was meant to preserve the moral fabric of the society, which many of the pious felt was drowning in a sea of alcoholic abuse and promiscuity (this sounds familiar). The human desire for occasional intoxication added to society's discomfort with that intoxication, led to a situation in which more people (rather than less) became criminals. Interest in booze did not disappear but rather went underground. (Or into the back Forty, if you follow my drift).

In most small operations the still used to produce the liquor was a wash boiler. A copper tub was used to heat water for washing clothes. With the lid welded on and a "worm" (a coiled copper pipe) fitted to the lid, the steam condensed and was lead into containers.

This crude but efficient apparatus was at the heart of an industry that while illegal, was the mainstay of many farm families before and during the Depression.

On the farm, back in the woods; that was the place to cook the mash. If any other site or location was used, the smell of mash working and being cooked would give them away.



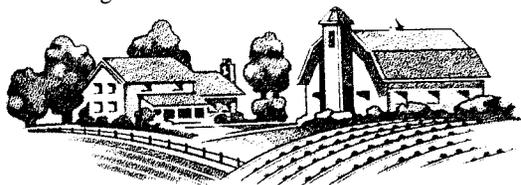
A truck used in the livestock hauling company of Joe A. Studer and Sons.

Joe A. Studer met the situation head on, doing the only thing that a proper God fearing Catholic could do under similar circumstances. He immediately started distilling the finest bourbon in Benton County. Through his relatives in Avon he secured the recipe and secrets of the still. He and his son Robert then cooked moonshine before and throughout the days of prohibition. The legendary still has been made available to the Benton County Historical Society by the children of Joseph and Margaret Studer.

Lest the casual observer think that the Studer family was a group of thugs, let it be known that after the repeal of the prohibition

laws, Joe A. choose to move on to a legitimate business. He purchased his first truck, a 1925 Model "T" Ford and used it for hauling gravel to road construction sites. Later the truck was converted and used in the transportation of local cattle to the stockyards of South St. Paul. Thus was born the Joe A. Studer and Sons Livestock Hauling Co. As the company prospered Joe A. and Margaret could finally begin to entertain their long time dream of "owning" their own farm. In 1929 they found

a farm for sale located three fourths of a mile East of the Mayhew lake Church with 120 acres of farmland. Of which 40 acres was taken up by Mayhew Lake itself. They bought the farm at the price of \$7,500.00. Here Joe A. and his sons Robert and Joseph M. continued to operate their livestock trucking service, expanding it to include the buying, selling and trading of livestock as well.



Margaret, beloved spouse and friend of Joseph A. Studer, succumbed to the ravages of heart and kidney disease in 1944. Joe A.



Joseph and Margaret Studer.

moved into St. Cloud proper the next year, living in the home built by his father on 2nd Avenue Northeast. He lived there until his death in 1959. Always the loving grandparent, he had been caring for his son Richards children, while Richard worked and Evelyn was away attending her fathers funeral. It was late that evening that he was rushed to the hospital. Although he lived for several more months he never was the same gruff but adorable fellow this writer had grown to love. You see, I (Ric) was one of the grandchildren grandpa was taking care of. I was one of the last people to see him hale and hardy. Joe A. died from complications following a heart attack suffered during the Thanksgiving holiday of 1958. My grandparents are buried in the Mayhew Lake Catholic cemetery.

The children of Joseph and Margaret

The following are several short synopses of the lives and times of the ten children of Joseph Alexander and Margaret Studer.

James: Born in 1905. James was the oldest son of Joe A. and Margaret. he married Rose Donovan, a school teacher from Foley, Minnesota. They farmed the area for most of their adult lives. They first lived on a farm a few miles east of Sauk Rapids and then purchased a farm west of Gilman, Minnesota on U.S. Highway #25. Jim and Rose had two children, one a male who died shortly after birth and the second a girl child whom they named Rosemary. James was forced to abandon farming and move to St. Cloud after developing the progressively disabling Parkinson's Disease. After many years of pain, James mercifully passed on in 1968 at the age of 62. He was survived by his wife, Rose until 1981 when she too succumbed to a painful disease, in this instance, cancer. They are both buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Foley, Minnesota.

Robert: Born in 1907. Robert was the second child of Joe A. and Maggie. he married Hildegard (Garla) Maurer in 1930. Rob trucked, transported, bought, sold and traded all manner of livestock for all of his working years. They lived at various times in Foley, Rice, and South St. Paul, Minnesota, before finally settling in New Ulm, Minnesota where they retired. Rob and Garla were blessed with four children, Mary, Robert, Kathy and Thomas. The loving couple celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary

in June of 1990.

Charles Leo: Born in 1909. Charles is the third Studer child. Charles married Angeline (Angie) Czech and operated farms for a living. Their first farm was located near Fruitville, Minnesota. Their second near Gilman. They then purchased a farm just north of Sauk Rapids where they lived for several years. He also worked for sometime with his brother Robert, trading and trucking livestock. Chuck and Angie had six children, one of which, a male named Gerard, died in infancy. Their remaining five children are Phyllis, Michael, Charles, Patricia, and Margaret. Charles died in 1979 at the age of seventy and is buried in the Mayhew Lake Catholic Cemetery. He is survived by his wife and children.

Genevieve: Born in 1910. Genevieve married Robert (Irvin) Mahigan, who was a teacher at the time. They lived in several Minnesota towns including Beardsley, Oslo and Hopkins. They eventually settled and remained in Hopkins. Irvin left teaching to become a seed corn manager for the Northrup King Company in the early 1940's. Gen was primarily a homemaker and mother. They had two sons, Robert and Richard. Irvin died of cancer before he was able to retire and was survived by Genevieve until she too passed on from heart failure in 1984. Their eldest son, Robert, also died from a heart attack on March 7, 1989 at the age of 54. Irvin, Gen and Robert are all buried in St. Margarets Cemetery in Minnetonka, Minnesota.

Joseph Martin: Born in 1913. Joseph married Bernice Heltemas and they lived in Mayhew Lake and Foley before purchasing a small farm east of Sauk Rapids located on Golden Spike Road. Joe was a livestock

trucker, buyer and dealer of any and all types of farm stock, especially feeder pigs, until his retirement at age sixty two. Bernice worked in the printing and book binding business for several years as well as being homemaker and mother to their five children. Living today: are Carol, David, Colleen and Yvonne. Another son, Joseph J. was killed in a farm machinery accident at age ten in 1959. Joe and Bernice celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1989.

Vincent Willard: Bill was born in 1915. He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) in Blackduck, Minnesota during the depression era of the 1930's. Bill married Louise Kronenberg and they lived in Rockford and Chicago, Illinois where Bill worked as a tool & die maker and machinist. After operating a grocery store in Chicago for a short time they returned to St. Cloud where he worked as a salesman before moving to Dubuque, Iowa. In Dubuque he worked for the John Deere Company, again as a tool and die maker. Once again the family moved, this time to a farm in Benton County, south of Gilman and north of the Popple Creek road, which they had purchased. Bill also worked for the DeZurik Corporation of Sartell. Bill and Louise moved to St. Cloud after his retirement. Louise worked at the St. Cloud Hospital for many years. They have five children: Willard Jr. (Bill), Dean, Leslie, Lyle and Gina. Bill and Louise celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in July of 1991.

Lawrence: Born in 1917. Larry married Virginia (Ginnie) DeZurik of Sartell, Minnesota. He served in the United States navy during the world war of the 1940's. He worked as a machinist and as a plant supervisor for the DeZurik Corporation of

Sartell, until his early retirement due to disability. His wife is an accomplished artist and antique appraiser who operated a gallery and antique boutique from their home in Sartell for many years. The couple have three children: Douglas, Linda and Deborah. Larry and Ginnie celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in July of 1990.

Mary Ellen: Born in 1920. Mary Ellen was the second daughter born to the Joe A. Studer. She married Leo Sufka of Rice, Minnesota shortly before he entered the United States Air Force. After Leo returned home from this deadly conflict, he and Mary Ellen lived in Holdingford, Minnesota, where Leo worked as a partner in his brother's hardware store. After the death of Leo's parents they purchased the family farm, located southeast of Rice. Mary Ellen and Leo operated a large dairy farm at that site until retirement and currently still live on the property. Leo and Sis (Mary Ellen) raised six children on this farm: Dorothy, Leo Jr., Robert, Roger, Daniel and Margaret.

Richard E.: Born August 22, 1922 at the St. Raphaels Hospital in St. Cloud. Richard (Bud or Dick) entered the U.S. Army in 1943. Dick met Evelyn Anna Cosenza while stationed at Fort Leavenworth in Kansas, working in the dental clinic. They were married on November 6, 1945 in her home town of Weirton, West Virginia. Returning to live in St. Cloud they both attended business college for several years. Dick worked in sales management for the Fritz-Cross Printing and Office Supply Company until 1953 when he became an agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York. He remained with this company until his retirement in 1981.

Evie worked for Herberger's Department store of St. Cloud for many years as a sales clerk and later as a department manager. Dick and Evie have three children: Richard Anthony, Nadine Rose and Bruce Jon. Another daughter, Mary Ann, died at birth. Dick and Evie continue to live in St. Cloud and in 1990 celebrated forty-five years of marriage.

Daniel Patrick: Born in 1926. Daniel is the tenth and final child of Joseph Alexander and Margaret Dowling Studer. Dan helped his father with the family farm after the death of his mother. After his father left the farm for St. Cloud Dan moved to Denver, Colorado where he worked on the railroad. He then went into the U.S. Army where he was a member of the United Nations force that fought the North Koreans and later the Chinese in the Korean conflict. After his military service, he remained close to the army, working at the U.S. Air Force base in Fairbanks, Alaska as a maintenance engineer. He moved to Apple Valley, California where he worked at Georges Air Force Base. He married Edna Farber, who worked in administration at the base. The couple remained childless until Edna's death in 1990. Dan is now retired and continues to live in Apple Valley.



Photo shown to the right:
 A Sunday reunion of
 Joseph Studer and his
 sons, son in law and
 brother in law, in St.
 Cloud, Minnesota.
 from left to right. Albert
 Studer, Joseph Studer
 (father) Edward Studer,
 Joseph A. Studer, George
 Studer, Edward Hoffer,
 Eugene Studer, Leo
 Studer, William Studer
 and Andrew Engels.



Shown bottom left:
 As young children,
 Chuck, Robert,
 Genevieve,
 and James Studer.



Shown bottom right:
 "The same old bunch, as
 crazy as ever", this is the
 notation at the bottom of
 the photo. The picture
 shows Uncle Leo's farm,
 when he lived
 by Rice, Minnesota.



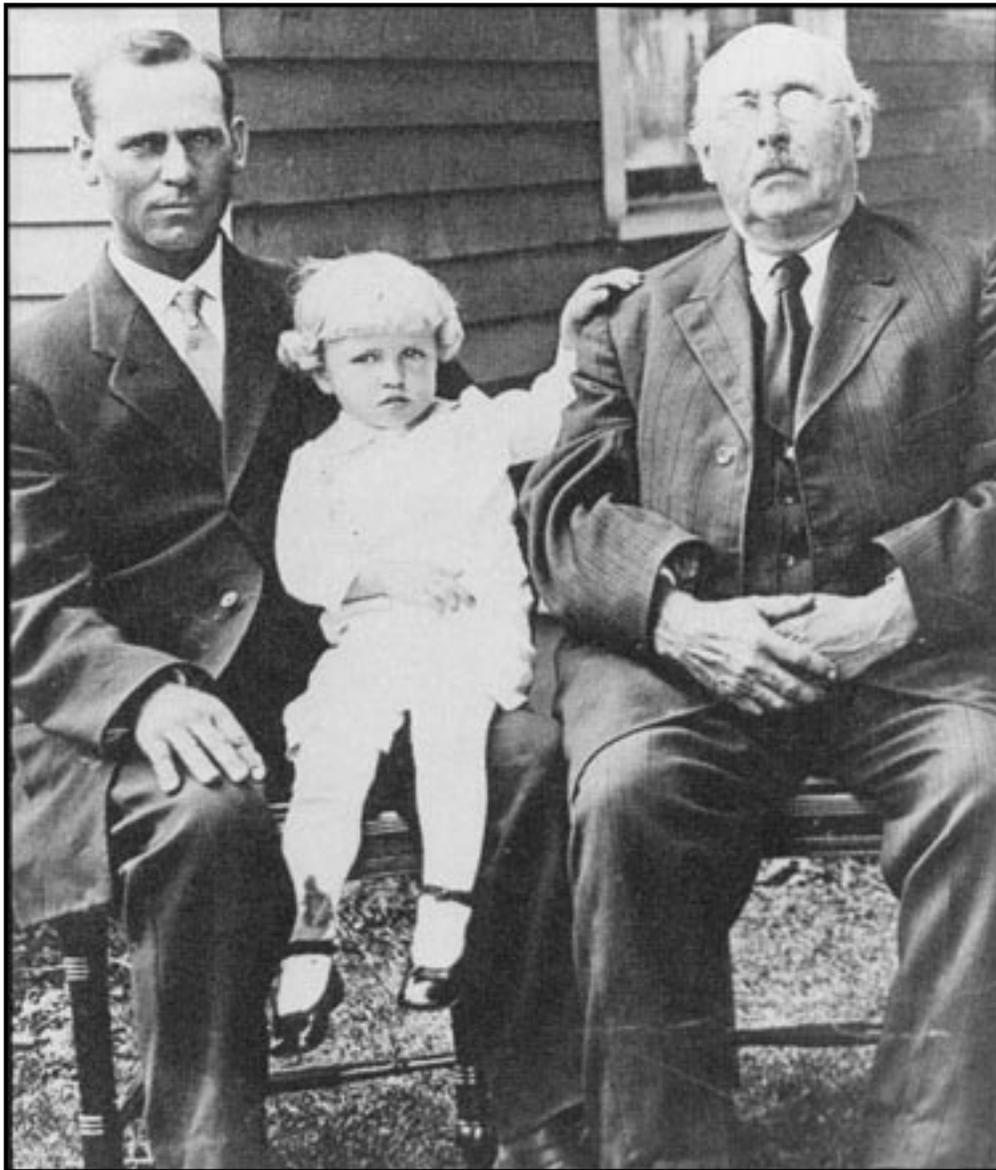


Photo shown above: Three generations of Josephs. From the left, Joseph A. Studer, seated on his knee his son, Joseph M., Studer and to their right, Joseph A's father, Joseph Studer.



Shown top right: A Studer family reunion with Joseph A Studer and some of his grandchildren.



Shown bottom right: Vincent (Willard) Studer and his brother Lawrence Studer.



A 'List' Of Names. Families that united with Studers in Alsace and America.

All of these names are related by marriage and were taken from this book.

- Bindler • Muny • Iltis • Erhart • Distlern • Syler • Erhardin • Lautenschlager • Leonhardt • Kachler
- Weis • Bara • Reiner • Gasser • Binglerin • Zimmerman • Andres • Negelin • Fritz • Ringenbach
- Steger • Klinger • Bollinger • Kessler • Paul • Hoffer • Schulte • Spengler • Richmeier • Ludwig
- Lickteig • Immerfall • Schumacher • Huber • Lease • Severt • Hibbard • Dowling • Bechtold • McGee
- Kelly • Engels • Ahern • Jurek • Hirsch • Brunn • Carlson • Wiedewitsch • Partridge • Peterson • Maier
- Rapu • Himsl • Hermansen • Burckhard • McElveny • DeMarais • Ross • Theisen • Keating • Hick
- Schweinfus • Murray • Feste • Sherwood • Sampson • Kresbsbach • Zimmer • Bengston • Meixner
- Wagener • Healey • Anderson • Papish • DeVine • Secord • Reber • Murphy • Martisen • Looyen
- Vogel • Thomas • Scott • Walker • McIntee • Bosman • Sobralske • Levandowski • Cook • Tyrrell
- Izzard • Donovan • Maurer • Czech • Mahigan • Heltemas • Kronenberg • DeZurik • Sufka • Cosenza
- Farber • Froelich • Struzyk • Dempsey • Klinkhammer • Kotten • Rosner • Holzberg • Dolan • Roney
- Stayner • St. Jean • Carmona • VonBehren • Klee • Waverek • Berg • Medeck • Lohr • McGovern
- Jeppesen • Wiesner • Ferrian • Grove • Vierkant • Martin • Bieganeck • Lardy • Schreiner • Martin
- CamPeak • Monzel • Haley • Gramley • Jackman • Johnson • Fisher • Bilsky • Jacoway • Shields
- Anderson • Konz • Henkemeyer • Engels • Zinken • Hannu • Scherer • Young • Kingsbury • Kirby
- Gooden • Provo • Sanford • Eull • Hanson • Weber • Miller • Bradford • Christensen • Weller
- DeMorett • Rudolph • Armstrong • Heitzman • Routh • Stowell • Smoley • Narlock • Punch • Heitzman
- Routh • Och • Schuk • O'Callaghan • Malinoski • Namie • Finley • Pilarski • Soderbeck • Erickson
- Miller • Paulak • Lorentson • Finn • Duarte • Dumoulin • Brummel • LeGate • Heimdahl • Kramer
- Ripperberger • Terwey • Hill • Becker • Lang • Klesz • Hoeshen • Murphy • Kierzek • Ebnet
- Zapzalka • Hanauer • Pemel • Deitschman • Halthaus • Kuhman • Girtz • Foss • Smolnik • Schmitt
- Reinart • Ergen • Messer • Krenik • Faust • Oldenburg • Lommel • Schelonka • Symalla • Thomas
- Meyer • Kongsjord • George • Eick • Honer • Hermanson • Powers • Stroeing • Menge • Teitelbaum
- Bechtold • Nichols • Grosz • Jamieson • Sartwell • Rheault • Olsen • Rose • Rabideaux • Woitalla
- Panek • Ohman • Husby • Meardle • Rausch • Erickson • Kiser • Burns • Wesenberg • Mehr
- Stellmach • Lynch • Synder • Malcolm • Maiers • Benson • Barenbrinker • Schnieder • Bohlig • Dunn
- Beauchane • Goodrum • Klein • Lushine • Bjorklund • Schwegel • Aylesworth • Allen • Hansen
- Vanselow • Gore • Hilsgen • Chopskie • Tunnel • Yingling • Knaus • Caddell • Weatherholtz • Smith
- Winter • Rabena • Frye • Pelfrey • Littlefield • Fuescher • Nolasco • Stewart • Mathias • Radomski
- Bridell • Moen • Heimenz • Lasinski • Morris • Kascht • Robak • Hinnenkamp • Carter • Thompson
- Siegal • Leonard • Lemke • O'Connell • Torres • Plachecki • Stellmach • Swensen • Tourand • Fiereck
- Hennen • Andert • Smith • Tharp • Roberts • Stahnke • Ravnes • Holmstrom • Peters



The Children of Amandus And Fransica. From the left to right, back row, Ignatius (Nate), Nicolaus, Amandus Jr., Gregory and Frank M. (Mark). Front row, Augustin, Teresa, Margaret, Mary and Joseph.

