



In another article in the **Shakopee Tribune** on November 18, 1904, Joseph Fischer and his brother-in-law L.G. Hoffmann of St. Paul leased the building belong to the Conter estate on Lewis Street (formerly occupied by Joseph Spindler) and were ion the process of opening a meat market. Hoffmann was an experienced butcher, and would be in charge of the shop.

Joseph Fischer was an industrious man who loved his work. In fact, this love of work, an admirable quality of character, brought on his untimely death, according to the **Scott County Argus** on November 28, 1929. He recently had some health problems and so he did not permit him to carry on the labor. But Joseph did not give in to the demands of health. Ten days before he died, Joseph was engaged in the construction of a chimney on a residence in Shakopee.

“It was while he was making an examination of the work which had risen about a foot above the roof of



the dwelling, that he fell about sixteen feet from the roof to the ground,” said the newspaper. “His limbs were severely injured and he sustained a fractured skull, The later proved fatal and death occurred on November 25 at 5:45 a.m.

Joseph Daniel Fischer service was at St. Mark’s Catholic Church, with Fr. Sava officiating. He was interned at the Catholic Cemetery on 10th Avenue.



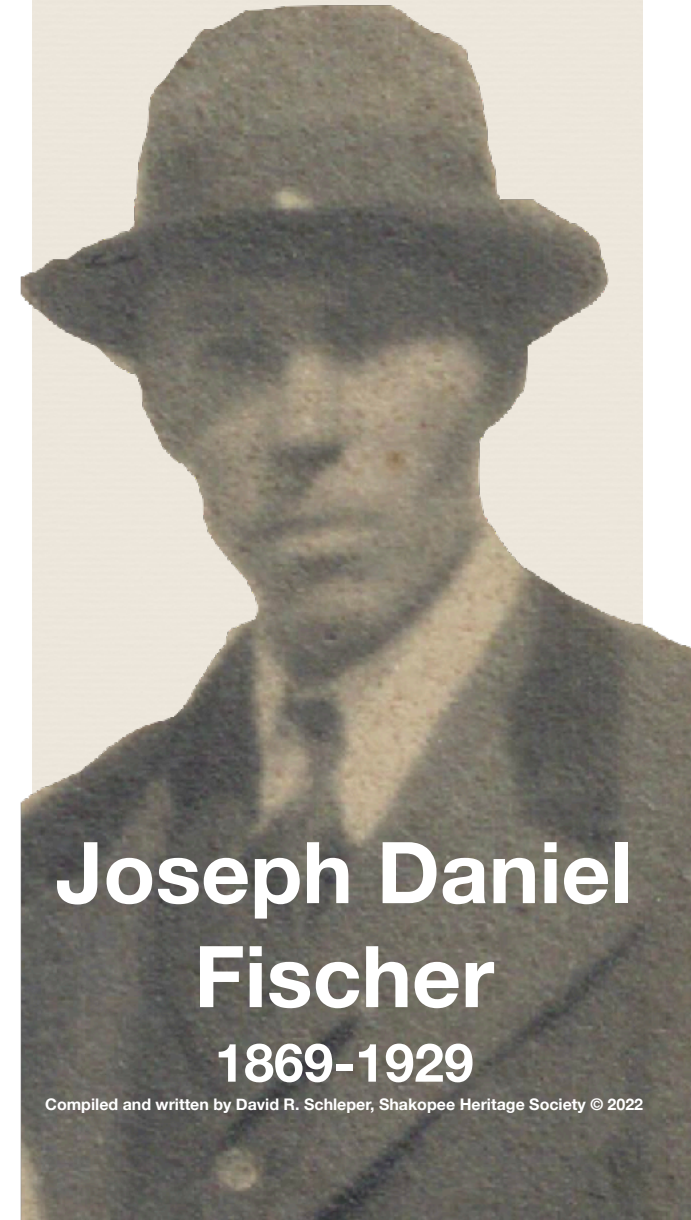
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Joseph Daniel Fischer

1869-1929

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Joseph Daniel Fischer was born on March 26, 1869 in Carlsruhe, in Carrick Township, Bruce County, Ontario, Canada. His parents were Paul Joseph Fischer (1842–1938) and Julianna Boppre Fischer (1847–1910.). They occupied a farm in Canada. When Joseph was two years old, the family, including Joseph, moved to Shakopee.

Joseph grew up in Shakopee, and attended school here. In 1898, he loved to St. Louis, but two years later Joseph moved back to Shakopee.

In St. Paul, Joseph married Annie Christine Kreger at the Church of St. Agnes on July 25, 1900. Annie Christine Kreger was born June 28, 1871 in Waconia, and died in Shakopee in 1951. Her parents were Andrew Ferdinand Kreger (1839-1916) and Mary Ann Moormann Kreger (1845-1916.)



Joseph Daniel Fischer and Anna Christine Kreger Fischer's house from 304 3rd Avenue East in Shakopee from 1901-1951. On the right is a picture of Anna Christine Kreger Fischer in front of the house in May of 1915.



Joseph and Annie Kreger Fischer took up their residence in Shakopee, where they had four children: Evelyn Margaret Fischer Strunk, Beaty Anna Beatrice Fischer, Cyrus Joseph Fischer, and Joseph Daniel Fischer.

Joseph Fischer opened the Shakopee Stone Works. In an article in the **Scott County Argus** on August 4, 1898, Joe, along with John Ring, worked to turn out blocks of cement at the rate of a hundred a day. "Everything at the works has been arranged to give the greatest convenience, and the way that the cement blocks are turning out from the moulds how that the firm knows its business." The Shakopee Stone Works was located in what is now the library block in downtown Shakopee. "Out in the drying lot are rows of several hundred blocks now going through the 'sweat' while on the drying racks within are those of later manufacture. In another place is a section of walk laid to show the appearance of the finished pavement.

The blocks are made square, 18 inches in size, and in octagons. The colors are white and slate."

Joseph Fischer had been in St. Louis for two years, where he learned from people in the cement stone works and learned the science of the work. The firm let people know that they could put down the walk for ninety cents a yard, or furnished the blocks for sixty cents a yard.



A picture of Joseph Daniel Fischer, called Dode, on a horse with Joseph Daniel Fischer watching.