

was Cecelia Sander. He married Josephine Sand Grommesch in September 3, 18. They lived in Shakopee until Jake Clemens and Josephine Sand Grommesch Clemens moved to St. Paul in 1908. The two of them had no children. He died there on November 4, 1924.

According to an article in the **Shakopee Argus-Tribune** on May 29, 1930 called Pioneer woman is laid to rest, Josephine Sand Grommesch Clemens had been in a fair state of health until last Christmas Day. “She had attended a Christmas dinner at the home of her daughter...in St. Paul. Afterwards while descending the stairs she missed a step and fell fracturing her right hip. She was taken to the hospital where she remained for three weeks. She was then brought to her home and her hip healed alright, but other complications set in as a result of

which she gradually failed and on May 20 (1930) she quietly passed away.”

Josephine Sand Grommesch Clemens’ “a most hospitable and friendly woman and made new friends easily and always retained her old friends. She was naturally ambitious and whatever she undertook to do she did it well. She was a kindly neighbor and friend, a good mother, and an ideal homemaker.”

Josephine was survived by her three sons and four daughters, 24 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. She took pride in the distinction of being the Godmother of 18 children.

According to the **Shakopee Argus-Tribune** on May 22, 1930 called *Mrs. Josephine Clemens Died in St. Paul*, the funeral was held from her home in St. Paul, with Fr. Klein of St. Mary’s church officiating. Josephine Sand Grommesch Clemens was buried at the Church of St. Mary of the Purification in Marystown Cemetery.



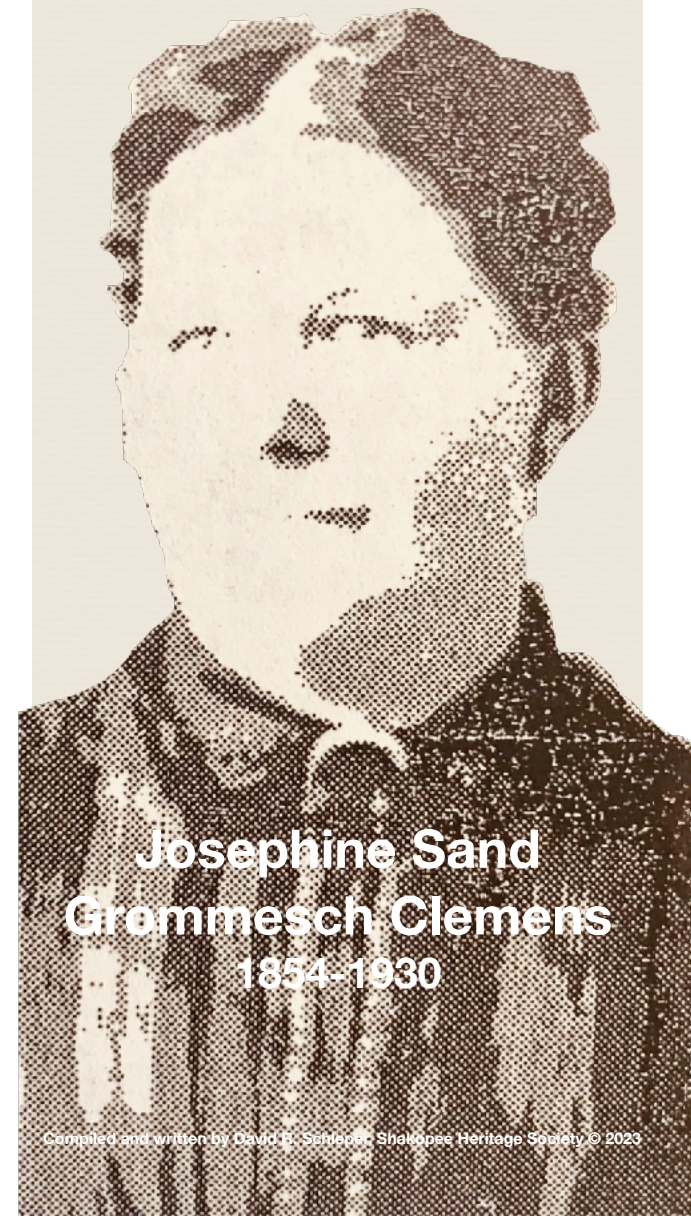
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Josephine Sand
Grommesch Clemens
1854-1930



Josephine Sand was born on December 23, 1854 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

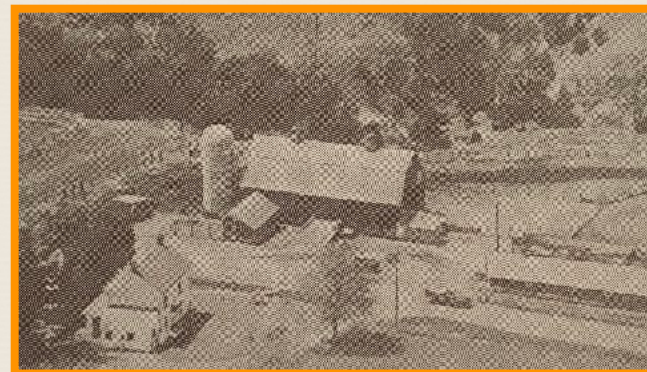
Her father was Heinrich Henry Sand who was born on December 25, 1824 in Schrondeweiler, Canton de Mersch, Luxembourg, and died on June 13, 1911. He is buried at Marystown Cemetery. Her mother was Katharina Klehr Sand, who was born on February 8, 1822 in Vichten, Canton de Redange, Diekirch, Luxembourg, and died on August 6, 1895 in Marystown, and was buried at Saint Marys of Marystown Cemetery.

When she was one year old, Josephine Sand and her parents headed to Marystown, Minnesota Territory, crossing in a covered wagon drawn by oxen. They built a farm located southeast of Marystown village.

Josephine lived with her parents and her siblings, including Michael (1852-1912), John (1857-1924), Catherine Sand Pieper (1860-1934), Nickolous



John Baptist Grommesch and Josephine Sand Grommesch's home on the left, and the 100 Years Centennial Farm honoring one hundred years of farming from 1857 to 1957.



(1863-1926), and Henry N. Sand (1864-1930.)

Josephine Sand married John Baptist Grommesch, who was born on September 26, 1831 in Consdorf, Canton d'Echternach, Grevenmacher, Luxembourg, and died on November 20, 1885 at 54 years old. J.B. and Josephine married on June 20, 1857 at the Church of St. Mary of the Purification in Marystown, according to the **Family Ancestry of Rademacher-Thomas and Grommesch Family** by Gladys Thomas on December 1, 1980.

John Baptist Grommesch first marriage was to Katherine Mechtel (1839-1872.) She was the daughter of John Mechtel (1810-1878) and Katherina Mallet Mechtel (1805-1885,) who were both born in Luxembourg, where they were married on May 1, 1830. Katherine Mechtel Grommesch's parents are buried at Marystown Cemetery.

John Baptist Grommesch and

and Katherine Mechtel Grommesch lived together in a large log cabin which they built without a single nail. They had three boys: John Baptist in 1860, Mathias in 1862, and John in 1865, all born near Marystown. Katherine Mechtel Grommesch died in January of 1872 and was buried at the Church of St. Mary of the Purification in Marystown Cemetery.

After J.B. Grommesch and Josephine Sand Grommesch married in 1857, they had 7 children: John Francis (1873), Henry (1875), Catherine (1878), Mary (1880), Cecelia, called Susan (1883), an infant who died at birth (1885), and Cecelia (1886).

Josephine Sand Grommesch husband, John Baptist Grommesch, died in 1887 and was buried at Marystown Cemetery. Josephine moved to Shakopee. While in Shakopee, she met and married Jake Clemens.

Jake Clemens was born in Germany in November of 1837. His first marriage