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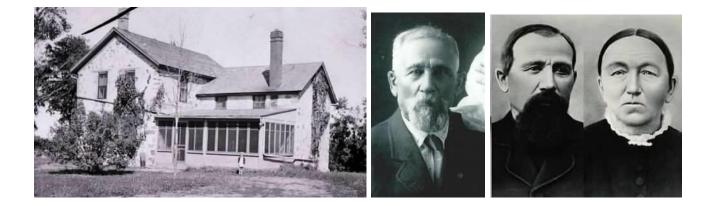
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Joseph & Elizabeth Photos https://link.shutterfly.com/Bu2M7KW58zb

My 2017 Trip to Minnesota VOS & SCHMID Cousins I met in 2017 when I drove through VOS & SCHMID country in Hennepin, Carver and Stearns Counties, visiting numerous Cousins, Farms, Cemeteries. Link to PDF on acoale drive

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Joseph & Elizabeth SCHWEIKERT Schmid – later changed to Elisabeth Brother of Mary (Maria) SCHMID and Benedikt SCHMID

SURNAMES of Descendants: Schmid, Leuthard, Vos, Voss, Schmieg, Schmidt, Leuthardt, Fuchs, Amberg, Ritter, Rudisill, Grossman, Mader, Fairbairn, Geyen, Kelly, Leizinger, Logelin, Dale, Ridgway, Schech, Schumen, Helsper, Ebnet, Meyer, Gruidl, Krekelberg, Ehrlichmann, Ross, Randall, Welle, Brouns, Pischke, and many more

It is believed that Joseph sailed for New York from Port of Havre, Bremen, Germany on **The Tarquin**, in June 1848. After working in New York, New Orleans, and St Louis, along the Mississippi, Joseph arrived in Carver County and Saint Victoria Parish in 1853, among German and Swiss immigrants. For an excellent insight on Joseph and the early German amp Swiss immigrant settlers, read **The** History of St Victoria Parish, linked below. page 16

Joseph was often referred to as 'Joseph Sr' although, his legal name did not include "Sr". However, it was for purposes of distinguishing between he and his son, Joseph Schmid, Jr.

Joseph SCHMID

b. March 17, 1830; Winzeln, Württemberg, Germany immigrated to America: 1848

m. Elizabeth Schweickert on 24 August 1856, Chaska, Carver Co, MN

d. April 10, 1923, at the age of 93, in St. Joseph's Old Folks Home in east St Cloud, Township of Haven, Sherburne Co., Minnesota; He was buried in the town of Victoria, Carver County, Minnesota.

NOTE: Joseph's OBITUARY and Death Certificate below - contain errors and INACCURATE information.

Immigration: New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 for Joseph Schmidt. (it appears that Joseph traveled alone, without family members.) Roll M237, 1820-1897 Roll 073 Name: Joseph Schmidt Arrival Date: 29 Jun 1848 Birth Date: abt 1830 Age: 18 Gender: Male Port of Departure: Le Havre, France Port of Arrival: New York, New York Ship Name: Tarquin

Parents: see GERMANY page for info on Joseph's German parents. Thomas Schmid amp Maria Maier, and widow Maria's 2nd husband, Ignaz Mogenhan.

See **1888** publication linked below "Illustrated album of biography of Pope and Stevens Counties, Minnesota" by Alden, Ogle amp company, Chicago, pub. [from old catalog], Published in 1888

EXCERPT from 1888 Biography of JOSEPH SCHMID: (note: there are several inaccuracies in this bio) When Joseph was just six years of age (in Germany) he lost his father, and sometime thereafter, his mother later re-married Ignatz Moenhan. At the age of fourteen, Joseph commenced life **herding cattle**, and followed that line of life for two years. Feeling the want of a trade, he then learned that of **stone mason**, but in 1848 he started for the United States. Crossing the ocean, he landed in New York, and for between three and four years (toni note: we are not sure it was this long) thereafter was employed in a *fire-brick manufactory* in Clinton County, New York (or Clinton County, Pennsylvania). From there he went to New Orleans, LA, and engaged in **steamboat work** on the river until 1853, when he came to Minnesota (St Victoria Parish), and located at Lake Minnetonka, Hennepin County, where he preempted 160 acres of land. He followed **farming** there until May 1864, when he entered Company G, First (incorrect, it was the Second) Minnesota Infantry, and was with Sherman in his matchless "march to the sea." At the close of hostilities he was discharged, and returned to his home (in Minnetrista Township, Hennepin Co), and remained there until 1877, when he came to Stevens County and took up a homestead of 160 acres, where he lives **now [1888**.] [At the time of this biography] he has 120 acres under cultivation, has a large, comfortable farm house, a neat frame barn, and other well-built out buildings. [see 1888 PDF for entire bio.]

How the SCHMID FARM in Minnetrista came to be in our family:

An 1850s Plat Map of Minnetrista Land Ownership, places "Benedict Schmidt as "claiming" **156.50 Acres on July 12, 1856.** See our copy of the U.S. General Land Office document, which states that the land was PAID IN FULL, and ownership certified, on July 1, 1959, by Benedict Schmid. We are not sure why Benedict made the initial transactions, and not older brother, Joseph.

They settled and worked this land, along the shores of Lake Minnetonka where they built a wood (most likely log) frame house, various outbuildings, and soon began clearing the land for farming. In August 1856, Joseph married Elisabeth SCHWEICKERT, and their first child, Elizabeth, was born on this property in 1857. The original house was later replaced by a fieldstone house in 1876. Joseph, Sr & Elisabeth raised 7 children on this farm, from 1857 to 1868 Benedict married Rosina AUER in May 1859. They had 11 children. Benedict's Diary - a MUST read. Census Records and Plats place Benedict & Rosina in Lake Town Township, close to his sister Mary (Mrs. John PFEIFFER,) and also near in-laws, LEUTHARD. Later, they moved to Lake Minnewashta. Some time around 1878, Joseph & Elisabeth traveled to Baker Township, Stevens County, where eldest daughter Elizabeth, and husband John Casper LEUTHARD were raising their family. Their **oldest son, Joseph SCHMID, Jr**, now age 19, runs the 156 acre farm. The 1880 Census places him here, along with his younger sisters Mary & Magdalena, and brothers Frank & Henry. The 1885 MN Census places parents Joseph Sr, Elisabeth, and their three youngest sons, Thomas, Frank, and Henry, up north in Baker Township, Stevens County.

Meanwhile, back on THE FARM in Minnetrista, Joseph SCHMID, Jr and wife, Mary Johanna POPPLER raised 7 of their 9 children in this farmhouse. Joseph expanded the farm to 190+ acres. 1895 Census shows Joseph & Elisabeth, ages 65, living in Hennepin Co with their son Joseph Jr Between 1903 to 1905, Schmid sold off the property.

After changing owners a few times, the Farm landed in the hands of Three Rivers Parks System, and sits within Lake Minnetonka Regional Park

The ruins of the 1876 Schmid fieldstone house still stand today, and were entered into the National Register of Historic Places in 2015.

Thousands of SCHMID descendants have visited the site of our Ancestors' historic homestead.

In 2023, the ruins will be stabilized so that visitors may safely tour the structure.

That same year, Joseph married Elizabeth SCHWEIKERT / SCHWEICHERT on August 24, 1856 in Carver Territory, MN.

Elizabeth SCHWEIKERT spelling varies on different documents

b. 12 Nov 1829, Oberndorf, Wuerttemberg, Germany

Parents: Ulrich Thomas SCHWEICHERT and Maria EITH Schweikert

Elizabeth immigrated to America in 1854, landing in New Orleans. She came to Minnesota in 1856.

m. 24 August 1856, Carver Co, MN to Joseph Schmid (Sr)

d. 8 March 1900, Stevens County, MN

Burial: Saint Victoria Catholic Cemetery, Victoria, Carver, MN

Note: it is believed that Elisabeth came to America in 1853. She was #7 of 12 children. She had other siblings leave for America as well. #1 Johannas went in 1847, #2 Peter went to America also but has no year (most likely 1847 with his brother). #8 Thomas went in 1853 probably with Elisabeth. still being researched.

Joseph and Elizabeth had 7 children, all born in Minnetrista, Minnesota:

Elizabeth Schmid b. April 18, 1857; m. John Casper Leuthard, Baker Township; d. 1931

Joseph Schmid b. May 18, 1859; m. Mary Johanna Poppler, Hennepin Co; d. 1947

Maria Schmid b. Jan 2, 1861; m. Frank Schmieg; d. Mar 16, 1888

Thomas Marvin Schmid b. Apr 15, 1862; m. Mary Magdalen Schmieg; d. 1933

Magdalena 'Lena' Schmid b. Apr 27, 1864; married Reinhard VOS (our Dutch 3XGreat Uncle - Gertrude VOS's Uncle) in Carver Co; they moved up to Krain Township, **Stearns Co**; d. 1941

Frank Schmid b. Jul 27, 1866; married Gertrude VOS in Holdingford, Stearns County; d. 1946

Henry Joseph Schmid b. Dec 26, 1868; m. Christina Katzner in Stearns County; ; d. 1951

Joseph SCHMID & Elisabeth SCHWEICKERT Timeline

1848 Sailed from Le Havre. June 19 arr. New York via, we believe, The Tarquin, per a ship record Joseph Schmidt, age 18.

1848-1850? (Per 1888 Bio) Worked in brick factory in Clinton County, New York (or possibly PA) 1850? Possibly: Lived in boarding house in St Louis while was a laborer on steamships on the Mississippi – NOT CONFIRMED

1853 Arrived St Victoria Parish, Carver County per St Victoria Parish

1856 Benedikt acquires 156.50 Acres, Minnetrista Township, Hennepin Co. July 12, 1856 per Plat

1856 Joseph marries Elizabeth Schweikert, and builds a wooden cabin on his farm. sp Schweichert?

1857 Birth of first child, Elizabeth SCHMID 1857-1931

1859 Birth of Joseph Schmid, Jr. 1859-1947

1859 Benedict pays off the land. We have doc. At some point they swap lands. Joseph stays on this land. Benedict farmsteads on Lake Minnewashta a few miles away

1861 Birth of Maria Schmid 1861-1888

1861 Birth of Thomas Marvin Schmid1862-1933

1864 Birth of Magdalena 'Lena' Schmid 1864-1941

1864-1865 Joseph & Benedict enlist in the Army. **Civil War,** Company G, Second Minnesota Infantry See Benedict's Diary – a MUST READ!

1966 Birth of Frank Schmid 1866-1946

1868 Birth of Henry Joseph Schmid 1868-1951

1876 Rebuilds their house with fieldstone, to replace wooden house which had burned

1877 Moves family to Baker Township, Stevens County, per 1885 census

1880 Census, Baker Township Cannot locate

1880 Census, Minnetrista, Joseph Sr 45, Elisabeth 45, Joseph Jr 18, Mary 14, Thomas 13, Lena 11, Francis 8, Henry 6

1885 MN Census Baker Township, Joseph Sr & Elisabeth, Thomas, Frank, Henry, in Stevens County 1895 Census shows Joseph & Elisabeth living in Hennepin Co with their son Joseph Jr

1900 March, Elisabeth dies in Stevens Co. while visiting her children. She is buried in St Victoria Catholic Cemetery, Carver County

1900 Joseph lives in Zumbra Heights area, Hennepin County

1900 CENSUS - CAN'T FIND this census

1900 Joseph marries Walburga Mathis Becker in November 1900 – per marriage record

19x? He and Walburga part ways (as we've learned in pension disputes between Walburga and Pension office)

1920 Summer per Obit, Joseph moves to Stearns Co to live w daughter and son. dau Magdalena Vos. Frank SCHMID or Henry SCHMID? We think likely Henry SCHMID.

192? Moves to St. Joseph's Old Folks Home in east St Cloud, Township of Haven, Sherburne Co.

1923 Joseph dies in old folks home in St Cloud. His body is transported back to Carver Co, for burial at St Victoria Cemetery.

When Civil war began, Joseph and his brother, Benedict, joined the Union forces.

Joseph, age 35, was drafted into service on May 28, 1864, at St. Paul, MN, and accepted June 13, 1864. as a Private in Company G, 2nd Regiment Minnesota Infantry, and was mustered out and honorably discharged to date July 11, 1865, at Louisville, KY.

Source: Feb 17, 1938 Letter from the War Department, Major General E.T. Conley, Adjutant General to Joseph Anton Schmid.

His brother Benedikt SCHMID also served in Company. G, 2nd Regiment Minnesota Infantry, and was also on Sherman's march through Georgia.

** SEE Benedict's Civil War Diary linked below.

Read about Joseph in Benedict's daily diary Benedict's Diary 1857-1905 **see Link Below Translated from German. Treasures!**

Joseph's wife, Elizabeth and their five young children tended the farm while Joseph was away at war. Shortly after the brothers returned from the war, Joseph took sole ownership of the farm. They had two more children after Joseph returned from the war.

Joseph's biography in the 1888 "History of Stevens County" continues: "The subject of this sketch is a democrat in his politics, and has held offices of town supervisor, assessor, clerk of school board, and is the present chairman of the town board. He is a Catholic in his religion, and a zealous Christian gentleman. **He still owns 130 acres of a farm in Hennepin County, and has been highly successful in life.**"

Elizabeth died March 8, 1900, Stevens County, MN Burial: Saint Victoria Catholic Cemetery, Victoria, Carver County, MN

Excerpt from her Obituary "Weekly Valley Herald" Chaska, Carver, MN:

"he late Elizabeth Schmid, was born in Oberndorf, Württemberg, Germany, Nov 4, 1829. She came to this country in 1854, landing in New Orleans. In 1856 she came to this state where she was married to Jos. Schmid, and to whom she bore 7 children, Joseph (dec,) Mrs. Frank Schmid (dec) of Victoria, Thomas, Mrs. J. (Elizabeth) Leuthart of Stevens County, Frank, Henry, and Mrs. R. Vos (Lena) of Stearns Co. She experienced the many and varied hardships of the Minnesota pioneer, but despite this fact, she brought up her children to become good and useful members of society. Despite the fatal disease that preyed on her during her declining years, she maintained that cheerful disposition which made it a pleasure to be near her. Her memory will be kept in reverence and in love. The large funeral cortege paid eloquent tribute to the esteem in which she was held by her friends and neighbors. Their heartfelt sympathy extends to the sorrowing and bereaved husband and children. May she rest in peace."

Joseph re-married on Nov 15, 1900 to Walburga MATHIS Becker.

Walburga MATHIS Becker. This was also Walburga's 2nd marriage. Born Walburga Mathis in Switzerland on Nov 30, 1844, to Barthalomew MATHIS and Barbara BAKNER Mathis, all born in Switzerland. Died: April 22, 1934 Burial: Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Chaska, Carver County, MN

Joseph's final years, In 1920, Joseph's health was deteriorating, and he went to Stearns County to make his home with his daughter "Lena" Magdalena Schmid Vos, in Holdingford. His two youngest sons, Frank Schmid of Avon, and Henry Schmid also lived in Stearns County. At some point Joseph entered the Old Folks Home at St. Cloud.

Joseph died April 10, 1923, at the Old Folks Rest Home for the Aged, on St. Cloud's east side in Sherburne County, Haven Township. He was buried in the town of Victoria, Carver County, MN.

SEE Joseph's narrative 1923 OBITUARY below "Weekly Valley Herald" Chaska, Carver, MN (it contains MANY INACCURACIES) Publications & Documents of interest

1923 Obit Joseph Schmid Sr one page.pdf

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FAMILY TREE Joseph Elisabeth Schmid.pdf (382 KB) Timeline Joseph Schmid.pdf

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- <u>1857 The HISTORY of St VICTORIA PARISH (PDF) Excellent</u> (9.18 MB)
- <u>Feature story: SCHMID Westonka Historical Society Newsletter Fall 2017</u> (4.36 MB)
- **1856 Marriage Certificate Jos Eliz Schmid transcription** (26 KB)
- **1859 156 acres paid in full US General Land Office.JPG** (90 KB)
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- 1860 Joseph Schmid 109.25 acres Land MW Patent 0138-277.PDF (172 KB)
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- <u>1865 History of the 2nd Minnesota Regimental.pdf</u> (1.65 MB)
- 1888 BIO Joseph Schmid in Illustrated Album of Bio of Pope & Stevens Counties 8 page

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- <u>1923 Joseph SCHMID OBITUARY "Weekly Valley Herald"</u> (1.51 MB)
- <u>1998 The Schmid Farmstead, paper by HennepinParks, w Connor notes</u> (5.13 MB)
- 2015 Farmhouse ruins nominated for national register StarTribune (241 KB)
- 2016 The Laker article Schmid Farmhouse Ruin Natl Register Historic Places.jpg (1.22 MB)
- 2016 National Register of Historic Places Schmid Farmstead (230 KB)
- Joseph + Elisabeth Schmid Photos 4 Albums



Some look alike, some don't. 7 Schmid Kids: Elizabeth, Joe Jr, Mary (Schmieg), Thomas, Magdalena (Vos), Frank, Henry



Joseph & Elisabeth(59). 02 59

photos, maps, plats, documents



Saint Victoria Parish(22). 03 22 but only got 21 no notes



Unidentified Portraits(31). 04 31 Please help us identify if any of these people our our relations

Joseph, Sr & Elizabeth Schweichert Schmid circa 1859



Joseph Schmid, Sr, Civil War Veteran, Post 158 (Chaska Post)



c 1936 Schmid Farmstead, Minnetonka, similar to how it looked in the late 1800s



Joseph Schmid & eldest daughter, Elizabeth Leuthard, 1917 ca.



Joseph Schmid c 1880 w unidentified man (a son perhaps?)

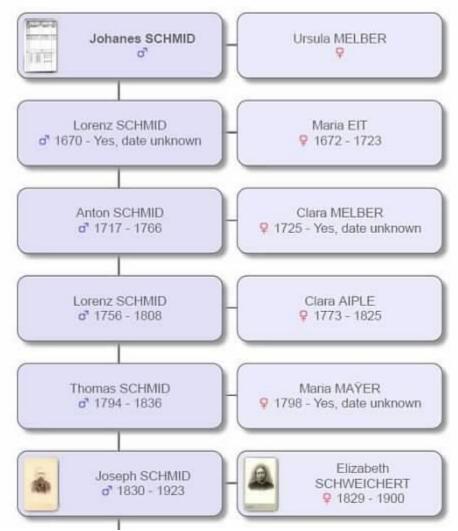


Joseph Schmid with unidentified man Photograph Collection ca. 1880

1881 Joseph Schmid Farm



warlooking the lake was taken for a tourist publication.



Family Tree back to Johanes Schmid 1600s Winzeln, Germany

Burial Information Source: Find A Grave Joseph Schmid, Sr 1830-1923 Sherburne County MN Elizabeth Schweikert Schmid 1829-1900

Links to Articles & Documents of Interest History of St Victoria Parish, \$5.95 at CCHS. a MUST HAVE for all Schmids Diary, Documents, Records, Memories, and more (google docs) 1876 Schmid Stone Farmhouse, Lake Minnetonka YOUTUBE U.S. War Department - Joseph's Civil War service record Wiki Info on Württemberg, Germany 1888 Pope & Stevens Counties pg 395 JOSEPH SCHMID "Forgotten Minnesota" article on Joseph Schmid Farmhouse 1923 Sherburne Co. Death Records Joseph Sr St Joseph's Rest Home for the Aged (where Jos. died in 1923)

Census and Deeds

1861 U.S. General Land Office Records, 1796-1907 for Joseph Schmid.jpg (684 KB)

1873 U.S., Indexed County Land Ownership Maps, 1860-1918 for Joseph Schmidt.jpg (2.04 MB)

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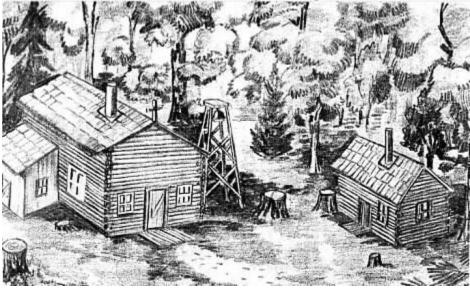
1852 Early Settlers from Germany & Switzerland - note Schmid and Schmieg

Thus in 1852 the only settlers in the community were the two Diethelms, Tobias Ottinger, and the four Kessler brothers. In 1853 six more immigrants arrived from Bavaria and one from Switzerland. They were John Maier, Martin Schmidt, John Schmieg, Celestine Lenhard, Joseph Schmid, Thomas Winkel, and Paul Mattle. In the next year the following settlers arrived: Franz Karl Stieger and sons Lorenz and Martin; Augustin Tschimperle and sons Franz and August; Carl Waldvogel, Zachary Fessler, Meinrad Fessler, Martin Fessler, Bernhard Fessler, Joseph Fessler, all from

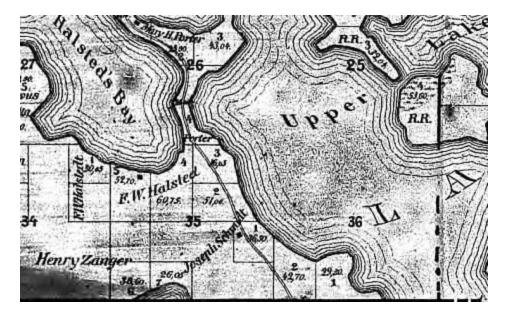
1856 Marriage Certificate of Joseph Schmid and Elizabeth Schweikert

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1857 the first St Victoria Church, log building 24x40 feet



1873 US Indexed County Land Ownership Map



Early Settlers include Schmid, Schmieg, Pfeiffer

scendants.

Immigrants from Germany and Switzerland were c arriving in increasing numbers, and the Catholic settler: area increased proportionately. Following is a list of t settlers and the dates of their arrival:

1851

Michael Diethelm

1852

Carl Diethelm Heinrich Kessler Franz Kessler Joseph Kessler Michael Kessler

1853

John Maier Martin Schmidt Joseph Schmid John Schmieg Celestine Lenhard Paul Mattle Thomas Winkel

1854

Franz Karl Stieger Lorenz Stieger Martin Stieger Augustin Tschimperle Franz Tschimperle August Tschimperle Carl Waldvogel Zachary Fessler Meinrad Fessler Martin Fessler Bernhard Fessler Joseph Fessler Leonard Breher **Thomas Schutz** Franz X. Vogel Michael Ess Joseph Ess John Ess Peter Winter

1855

Franz Fessler Peter Gregory Mathias Baumgartner Charles Kaufman John Leuthard Mathias Schutz Christian Kreutzian Thomas Kreutzian Herman Kreutzian Thomas Lano Theodore Lano Joseph Schaaf Andrew Riedele John K. Neunzinger

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Joseph Kaley Stephan Fessler Dominic Fessler Nicolaus Krayer Anton Windolph Valentine Landgraf Anton Winninghoff Martin Winninghoff Gottfried Allers Joseph Winninghoff

1857

Anton Stimmler Wendelin Grimm Anton Hetten Jacob Steinberger Sebastian Einsidler H. J. Swillens Nicolaus Deis

1858 - 1863

John Etzell Joseph Borer John Pfeifer Philip Miller Sebastian Hartman Arnold Verginnes Leon Yetzer Ignatz Yetzer Hubert N. Way John B. Steiner Henry Zanger Franz Marty Karl Schuler Ferdinand Heid Adolph Riesterer John Gruen Joseph Naab

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Early Pioneer Life

highlights. Houses were lighted with candles. Kerosene and oil lamps were not in use until quite a few years after the beginning of the petroleum industry in 1859. Up to 1890 there was no market for gasoline, which then sold for 2c a gallon. Small threshing machines appeared in the late '60's and were powered with a horse



Early Threshing Scene

power. In 1876 steam engines started threshing grain. Gasoline tractors appeared in 1892. Today there are 4 million tractors. In 1897 Marconi invented wireless telegraphy, the forerunner of radio, radar, and television. The pioneer had to walk where he wanted to go; today almost every family has at least one automobile. In the field of human endeavor the greatest advance has been made in medical science. Since the beginning of the century more has been learned about the causes, treatment, prevention, and control of disease than in any time in world history. As a result of this knowledge the health of millions has been restored and their life span extended.

Yes, the people who have lived in these last 100 years have seen more mechanization in machinery and more advance in medical science than all the people from the beginning of time to the 19th century.

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1924 view of former Schmid Farm on Lake Minnetonka. courtesy of Delores Dudek



1923 American and German Death Notices

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