

GERMAN UNION CEMETERY THREE-GENERATION GENEALOGY

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Surname: **DEMANN** Marriage Number 1: **FREDERICKE BERLIN**
Given Name: **AUGUST** Marriage Number 2: **FLORA BECKER**
Middle Name If Any: **C. W.** (**FLORINA, FLORENTINE**)
Gender: **MALE**
Date of Birth: **APRIL 10, 1826**
Place of Birth: **HANOVER, GERMANY** (Immigration: December 22, 1855)
Date of Death: **JANUARY 25, 1884**
Place of Death: **FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA**
Place of Burial: **GERMAN UNION CEMETERY – FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY**
MINNESOTA Plot Number: **58j/k = SEE NOTE BOTTOM OF PAGE 2**

Father: **FREDERICK DEMANN**
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Date of Death:
Place of Death:
Place of Burial:

Mother: **FREDRICKE**
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth: **GERMANY**
Date of Death:
Place of Death:
Place of Burial:

Marital Status: **MARRIED** Date:
1. **FREDERICKE BERLIN** born: 1832 in PRUSSA, GERMANY

Children:
1. **AUGUST DEMANN JR.** born: OCTOBER 7, 1856 in FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA
2. **CHARLES A. DEMANN** born: JANUARY 14, 1858 in FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA
3. **MARY DEMANN** born: DECEMBER 10, 1859 in FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA
4. **BERTHA DEMANN** born: 1863 in FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA
5. **MARTHA DEMANN** born: NOVEMBER 2, 1865 in FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA
6. **ERNEST E. DEMANN** born: NOVEMBER 2, 1865 in FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA
7. **FREDERICKA DEMANN** born: MARCH 6, 1867 in FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA

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Marriage No. 2

Date: **MAY 5, 1872 in SHARON – LESUEUR COUNTY – MINNESOTA**

2. **FLORA BECKER (FLORINA, FLORENTINE)** born: APRIL 1, 1834 in GERMANY

Children:

8. **EMMA DEMANN** born: FEBRUARY 12, 1875 in FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA

9. **HENRY DEMANN** born: APRIL 2, 1878 in FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA

NOTE: August Demann and unknown number of family members are buried in a corn field in sec, 21 of Forest Twsp., Rice County. Farm is presently owned by Ellard Trnka. A marker has been placed at the German Union in Forest Twsp. **Source: Dalby Data Base . Rice County Farm Burials.**

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OBITUARY

Surname: **DEMANN**

Given Name: **AUGUST**

Middle Name If Any: **C. W.**

News Paper: **FARIBAULT REPUBLICAN – FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA**

Date: **JANUARY 30, 1884**

Marriage Number 1: **FREDERICKE BERLIN**

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(FLORINA, FLORENTINE)

OF LESTER, TOWNSHIP OF FOREST, DIED ON FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 25TH. HE CAME FROM GERMANY IN 1855, AND SETTLED IN THIS PLACE, AND HAS RESIDED HERE ON A FARM EVER SINCE. IN THE YEAR 1857 HE FOUND ONE SWARM OF WILD BEES IN HIS TIMBER, AND IN A FEW YEARS HE HAD INCREASED THEM SO AS TO BECOME ONE OF THE MOST EXTENSIVE BEEKEEPERS IN THIS COUNTY. BY HARD LABOR AND STRICT ECONOMY HE HAD BECOME ONE OF THE MOST PROSPEROUS FARMERS AND BEEKEEPERS IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY, AND AT HIS DEATH HE LEAVES A WIFE AND LARGE FAMILY WELL PROVIDED FOR IN THIS WORLD'S GOODS. BUT HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL; FOR HE WAS A KIND AND AFFECTIONATE HUSBAND AND LOVING FATHER, AND ONE OF THE BEST OF NEIGHBORS. AND WHAT CAN BE SAID OF VERY FEW, IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE HAD NOT ONE ENEMY AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH. HUSBAND OF FREDERICKA BERLIN DEMANN AND AUGUSTA BIECHEIM DEMANN

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BIOGRAPHY

BOOK - HISTORY OF RICE COUNTY 1882. FOREST TOWNSHIP. AUGUST DEMANN was born in Germany and came to America in 1855. He located in this township in section twenty-one, where he has a farm of two hundred acres of improved land with a brick house, barns, etc. He enlisted in the army in 1864, and served eight months. Mr. Demann has a wife and nine children, all of whom are living at home.

BIOGRAPHY

BOOK- RICE COUNTY FAMILIES, PUB. 1981 AUGUST DEMANN 1826 - 1884 Early Pioneer ----I can only write about the life of August DeMann, my late husbands great grandfather. In 1855 he and William DeMann came from Germany. The mode of travel was by water from Prairie du Chien aboard a tug-boat to Hastings, Mn. Hastings had one building about 9 x 12'. They were bound for the west side of Circle Lake, Forest township. Their only possession seemed to be a large too chest. Finding the tool chest very heavy to carry, they cut down a tree, cut out two matching disks from the trunk and fashioned two wheels; from the tree they built a cart to get as far as Dundas with their cart and tools. At Dundas they hired a Mr. Donaldson and his team and wagon to take them to Circle Lake. There they built a log cabin. In about a year Christian, another brother, arrived with his wife and also the wives of August and William and his nine year old son. August's wife was Fredericka Berlin and they had seven children, August, Jr. married Ann Hirdler (7 children), Mary married August Lieder (8 children), Charles married Marguerite Meehl (7 children), Bertha married John Nygaard (3 children), Ernest married Louise Schrader (10 children) Martha married Albert Theibar (9 children) and Fredericka married Louis Younker (4 children.) August's wife died and he later married Augusta Biecheim and two children were born to this union - Emma who married Martin Holmes (2 children) and Henry who never married. August had served in the Civil War from 2-10-1865 receiving an honorable discharge Sept., 1865 at Nashville, Tenn. Now in the fourth generation, August has 131 living descendants. It is written that August was a God-fearing man, a truly great pioneer, fine father, good provider who was loved and respected by all. The German bible was religiously read in his home. No shoes were polished, or a button sewed on, on Sunday. Besides having a good sized farm and a herd of cattle, he was a bee man. He would sell honey in tin pail containers in St. Paul which was a trip of about a week. He and his wives were buried on a plot of ground near Circle Lake. This cemetery has long since been plowed over. The government marker was retrieved by his Charles and is now in the German Union cemetery nearby. by: Mrs. J. A. DeMann

BIOGRAPHY

BOOK - EARLY PIONEERS AND INDIANS OF MINNESOTA AND RICE COUNTY, BY LILLIE CLARA BERG. PUB. 1959. DeMann, August, Sr. (1826-1884) (originally spelled Demon and Demann) was born in Germany. He married Miss Fredericka Berlin (1832-1870) also a native of that country. They came to America in 1855 to avoid German military oppression. Early in 1856 they settled in section 20 in Forest Township, Rice County, Minn. In 1882, August still owned 200 acres of improved land in that section with a brick house and barns. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1864, and served eight months in the Civil War. On the day of his return home Mrs. DeMann gave birth to twins. Their six children were: August, Jr.; Charles; Mary (Mrs. August Lieder); Bertha (Mrs. John Nygaard);

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Martha (Mrs. Albert Thielbar, Jr.) and her twin brother, Ernest; none of whom are living. After Fredericka's death Mr. DeMann married August Beechheim. By this union two children were born: Henry, who died at the age of 20, and Emma (Mrs. Martin Holmes) who is also deceased. There are over 50 grandchildren still living and over 460 descendants, living and dead. August's brother, William, also settled in section 20 in the early part of 1856 and another brother, Christian, both born in Germany, settled there in the fall of that year. All three brothers became well-to-do farmers. Excerpts of DeMann History—Northfield, Independent, July 5, 1956: Tales told by Charles DeMann: "August DeMann was a God-fearing man, a truly great pioneer, fine father, good provider and was loved and respected by all. The German Bible was religiously read in the home. No shoes were polished nor a missing button sewed in place on Sunday. He and his wives were buried in a little cemetery on his land that he loved so well. It is regrettable to say that the little cemetery has long since been plowed up and planted into grain. However, his son, Charles, retrieved the government marker from the fence corner and place it in St. John's Cemetery near the homestead. His son, Charles, told that his father, August, was a bee man and in the fall extracted a great deal of honey which was put into tin pails and taken to St. Paul where it was sold. One time when August, Sr., had sold his honey, en route a little home, he gave a man a ride who said he was going toward Millersburg. Charles, a little lad then, was under a blanket in the back of the wagon, for at that time blankets and guns were items of necessity that accompanied every traveler. Charles soon became aware that his father was disturbed by the rudeness of the stranger, so the little boy put the muzzle of the gun out from under the blanket so the strange rider could see it. The man soon became disinterested in going to Millersburg and got out and started walking back to St. Paul. As well as necessities, guns were also a luxury and bullets were to be used with caution. When shooting a rabbit, Charles always tried to shoot one sitting beside a tree so he could retrieve the lead to make another bullet. Because Charles slept in the loft or attic, he had to be careful in turning back his bed covers during the winter so as not to disturb the snow (which came through cracks in the roof) and get it in his bed. As he moved about the room he was caution that he did not knock down the frozen rabbits which were hung on hooks above and used for winter food. Ernest, Charles and August used to play with the Indians that camped on the shore of Circle Lake. They were not supposed to play with these little brown-skinned children, but they did anyway. Ernest said his father always told him to be kind of Indians and never refuse anything they offered them to eat. Ernest would slip food he was unable to eat inside his clothes. One time they were in an old squaw's tent when she suddenly took up a dead crow, tore it apart and handed the boys each a piece to roast. When they refused the squaw screamed at them and the boys made a hasty treat for home."

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RICE

CERTIFICATE NO:

Deceased Information.....

NAME: **AUGUST DEMANN**

DATE OF DEATH: **JANUARY 25, 1884**

DATE FILED: **DECEMBER 10, 1884**

DATE OF BIRTH: **APRIL 10, 1826**

SOCIAL SECURITY NO: **NOT GIVEN**

PLACE OF DEATH: **FOREST TOWNSHIP
RICE, MINNESOTA**

USUAL RESIDENCE: **FOREST TOWNSHIP
RICE, MINNESOTA**

PLACE OF BIRTH: **HANOVER, GERMANY**

MANNER OF DEATH: **NATURAL**

GENDER: **MALE**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **DIABETES**

MARITAL STATUS: **MARRIED**
SPOUSE: **NOT GIVEN**

Mother.....

NAME: **FREDRICKA DEMANN**

Father.....

NAME: **FREDERICK DEMANN**

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AND ACTUARY OF THE GERMAN UNION CEMETERY.**

RONALD R. PRINZING

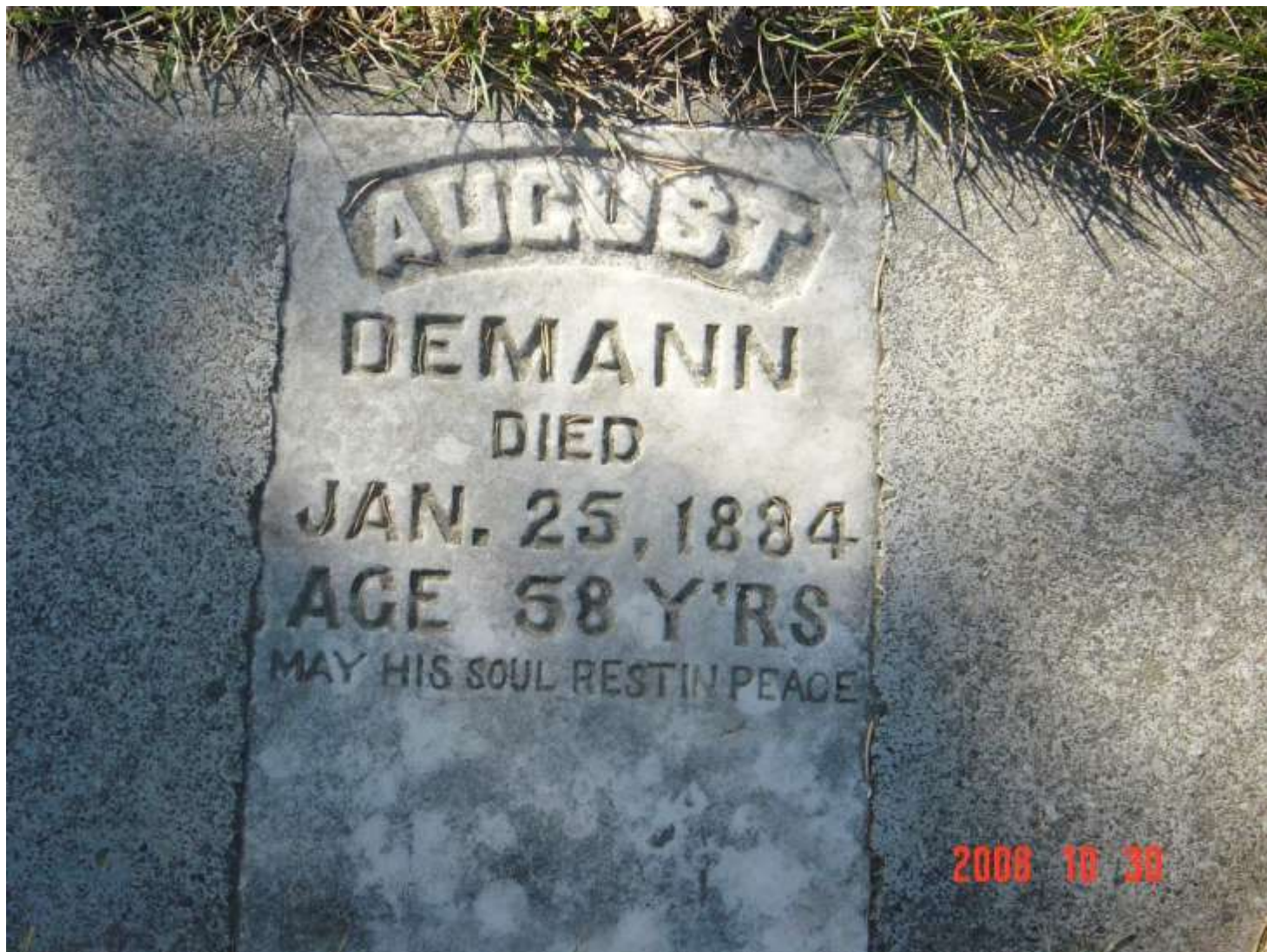
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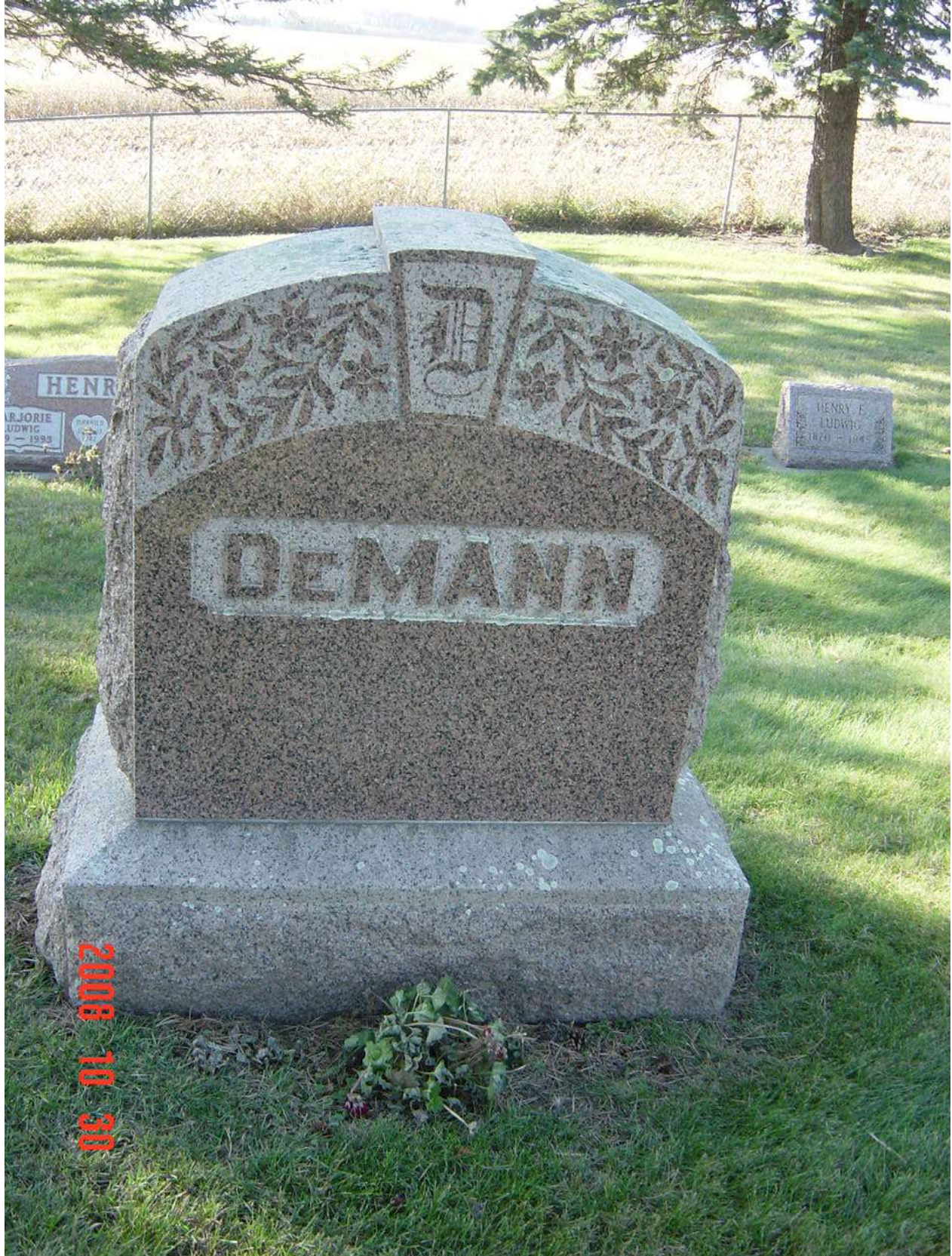
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DEMANN FAMILY MARKER