

**GERMAN UNION CEMETERY**  
**THREE-GENERATION GENEALOGY**

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**UPDATED:** May 27, 2014

Surname: **ROSS**  
Name: **JOHN**  
Middle Name If Any: **FREDERICK**  
Gender: **MALE**  
Date of Birth: **DECEMBER 11, 1876**  
Place of Birth: **NEW YORK**  
Date of Death: **OCTOBER 25, 1943**  
Place of Death: **RICE COUNTY – NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA**  
Place of Burial: **GERMAN UNION CEMETERY – FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY –  
MINNESOTA** Plot Number: **37n**

Father: **HENRY ROSS SR.**  
Date of Birth: **NOVEMBER 8, 1846**  
Place of Birth: **MECKLENBURG, GERMANY**  
Date of Death: **FEBRUARY 1, 1931**  
Place of Death: **FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA**  
Place of Burial: **GERMAN UNION CEMETERY – FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY –  
MINNESOTA** Plot Number: **37f**

Mother: **WILHELMINE FRAM** Interred Name: **ROSS**  
Date of Birth: **SEPTEMBER 24, 1845**  
Place of Birth: **MECKLENBURG, GERMANY**  
Date of Death: **JUNE 25, 1896**  
Place of Death: **RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA**  
Place of Burial: **GERMAN UNION CEMETERY – FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY –  
MINNESOTA** Plot Number: **37h**

Marital Status: **MARRIED** Date: **MARCH 20, 1900**  
1. **ANNA MARIE DODES** born: **OCTOBER 27, 1874** in **MINNESOTA**

Children:

1. **WILLIAM HENRY ROSS** born: **SEPTEMBER 24, 1900** in **MINNESOTA**
2. **HENRY WILLIAM ROSS** born: **OCTOBER 22, 1902** in **MINNESOTA**
3. **AARON W. ROSS** born: **FEBRUARY 15, 1908** in **MINNESOTA**
4. **LUELLA LOUISE ROSS** born: **JANUARY 22, 1916** in **MINNESOTA**
5. **GEORGE F. ROSS** born: **MARCH 26, 1906** in **MINNESOTA**
6. **JOHN W. ROSS JR.** born: **MARCH 7, 1913** in **MINNESOTA**

NOTE: The Burial – Removal – Transit Permit shows the place of burial to be ST. JOHN'S UNION CEMETRY, which is the same as GERMAN UNION CEMETERY. St. John's Church, before its demise, was located nearby and the cemetery was sometimes referred to as ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY.

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**OBITUARY**

**Last Name: ROSS**

**First Name: JOHN**

**Middle Name or Initial: FREDERICK**

**News Paper: FARIBAULT DAILY NEWS – FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA**

**Date: NOVEMBER 3, 1943**

Funeral services were held for John Ross on Thursday afternoon, October 28 at 1:30 from the family home and at 2:00 p.m. from St. John's Lutheran church in Forest township with Rev. Walter Beltz officiating. Interment was made in Union cemetery. Six nephews were the pallbearers including Henry Weise, Daniel Weise, Paul Meinke, Henry Dodes, Clarence Dodes and Delmer Gusse. John Frederick Ross, son of Henry and Wilhelmina Fram Ross was born December 11, 1876 in Niagara county, N.Y., and came to this community when he was two years of age. He was confirmed on March 22, 1891 by the late Pastor H. Schultz. On March 20, 1900 he was united in marriage to Anna Dodes. To this marriage was born six children, five sons and one daughter. He is survived by his wife and three sons, William, Henry and Aaron, and his daughter, Luella, Mrs. Ebert Halvorson. Two sons, George and John, have preceded their father in death. Mr. Ross died on Monday, October 25 at the Northfield hospital following an illness which has extended over several months. Mr. Ross held many church and civic offices during his long residence in Forest township. He served as church elder at St. John's congregation. He served as town clerk for six years; assessor for 18 years and supervisor for 15 years. He was an ardent supporter of farmer cooperation and of the Forest creamery, where he was a member of the board of directors for many years. Many friends from the local community and far away attended the funeral services.

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

**BOOK - RICE COUNTY FAMILIES. PUB. 1981** John Frederick Ross Family. Henry and Wilhelmina (Fram) Ross arrived in Niagara County, New York, from Hamburg, Germany. Their first son, John, was born in new York, December 11, 1876. Less than 2 years later Henry, Wilhelmine, baby John and Gottlieb Fram (Wilhelmine's father) moved to Forest Township, Rice County, MN. Five more children were born after they arrived in Forest Township. John married Anna Dodes on March 20, 1900. His sisters were Mary who married Fred Dodes; Emma married Ferdinand Dodes; Henrietta married William Gusse. His brothers, Joseph and Henry, passed away as children. Mary, Emma and Henrietta, with their husbands, farmed in the Webster area of Rice County. John and his wife, Anna, remained on the home place with John's father. John's mother passed away in 1895 and his father, Henry, on February 1, 1931, at the age of 84. John and Anna had 6 children. William married Bernice Olesen of Hazelwood, May 7, 1929; Henry married Lillian Nelsen of Farmington, June 4, 1930; Aaron married Emma Schmidtke of the North Morristown area on June 4, 1931; and the youngest, Luella, married Ebert Halvorson of Forest Township on November 4, 1936. George, the 3rd son, passed away at age 19 in 1925 and John Jr., the 5th son, passed away at age 13 in 1927. John Sr. passed away October 25, 1943, and Anna, January 31, 1952. The 3 sons lived on and farmed adjacent farms. William and Bernice had 3 sons--Roger, Robert and Allen, all who farm in Forest Township. Henry and Lillian had 2 boys, Donald and Lloyd, both still farming in Forest Township. Lillian passed away in 1966, Henry in 1977. Aaron and Emma had 5 children: Lorraine Nelson, now Rice County Auditor in Faribault; Maynard, farming in Forest Township; Harold, a pastor presently of Elgin, IL; Lyle a farmer and farm dealer living in Forest Township and Dorothy Britz, a business teacher in Burnsville. Aaron passed away in 1971. Luella and Ebert Halvorson farmed for many years in Forest Township and now reside in Faribault. The home farm in section 18 of Forest Township where Henry and Wilhelmine first settled in 1878 is now owned and operated by Allen Ross, William's youngest son--the 4th generation of Ross ownership, now over 100 years. William and Bernice Ross (John's oldest son) had farmed the home place and they still reside in the original home. Allen and his wife (Kathleen Lagerstrom) built their home on the same 80-acre tract. Their family is the 5th generation to occupy the farm.

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This permit serves for a burial permit at destination except where local ordinance requires local permit.

**PLACE OF DEATH**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
REGISTRAR'S**

County Rice

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Township \_\_\_\_\_

OR  
Village \_\_\_\_\_

OR  
City Northfield

**Permit for Burial or Removal**

Date of death October 25 1943

Full name John Frederick Ross Age 66 yrs.

Sex Male Place of birth New York

Disease causing death Bronchial Pneumonia

Medical attendant } S. T. Kucera Proposed date of } 10/28/43  
burial or removal } 19

Place of burial, removal or cremation Forest Twp  
(City, Vil. or Twp.)

Name of cemetery St. Johns Union Cemetery Via \_\_\_\_\_

Undertaker Edgar W. Boldt Address Faribault

A certificate of death having been filed in my office in accordance with the laws of Minnesota, I hereby authorize the Removal of the

body of deceased person as stated above. In case of death from a dangerous communicable disease, the burial or removal must be conducted according to the rules of the state and local board of health.

Joseph Moses  
(Registrar of Deaths)

Dated October 25 1943 Health Officer  
Official Title

\*Write "Burial" or "Removal" as the case may be. Burial permits must be delivered by the undertaker to the sexton. Removal permits must be given to the agent of transportation company, and attached by him to box containing body. Sub-registrars will write "Sub" before the words "Registrar of Deaths" and "Licensed Embalmer No. \_\_\_\_\_" below, always giving number of license. Fine or imprisonment for receiving a body for burial without permit.

Received \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_ Sexton

Name of cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

This form may be used for disinterment-reinterment in accordance with Regulation 23.

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**ROSS FAMILY MARKER**