

GERMAN UNION CEMETERY
THREE-GENERATION GENEALOGY

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Surname: **WADEKAMPER**

Name: **HERMAN**

Middle Name If Any:

Gender: **MALE**

Date of Birth: **JANUARY 1816**

Place of Birth:

Date of Death: **APRIL 13, 1895**

Place of Death:

Place of Burial: **GERMAN UNION CEMETERY – FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY –
MINNESOTA** Plot Number: **22f**

Father:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Date of Death:

Place of Death:

Place of Burial:

Mother:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Date of Death:

Place of Death:

Place of Burial:

Marital Status: **MARRIED**

Date:

1. **MARY OALS** born: JANUARY 13, 1824 in GERMANY

Children:

1. **VICTOR WADEKAMPER** born: July 23, 1860 in RICE COUNTY - MINNESOTA

2. **THEODORE WADEKAMPER** born: DECEMBER 15, 1861 in MINNESOTA

3. **BERTHA WADEKAMPER** born: FEBRUARY 13, 1864

4. **RUDOLPH WADEKAMPER** born: 1866 in MINNESOTA

5. **JULUIS CEASER WADEKAMPER** born: JANUARY 23, 1870 in MINNESOTA

6. **WILLIAM WADEKAMPER** born:

7. **LOUIS WADEKAMPER** born:

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BIOGRAPHY

Last Name: **WADEKAMPER**

First Name: **HERMAN**

Middle Name or Initial:

News Paper:

Date:

BOOK - MEET SHIELDSVILLE by MARY L. HAGERTY. 1940. HERMAN WADEKAMPER was a native of Germany and came to Erin township to stake a claim in 1856. He was a Catholic and a member of St. Patrick's parish and took a leading role in all entertainments for the church. He had a magic lantern and he put on shows in Shields' hall. He called himself "Jack o' the Lantern" by which name he is still remembered. He was a Civil War veteran, first a corporal in Company A, Brackett's Battallion Cavalry and later transferred to an Iowa Cavalry. The members of his family were Louis, Victor, Bertha, Theodore, William, Rudolph, and Julius. Victor lives at Erskin, Minnesota, hale and hearty at the age of eighty. He is a Spanish American War veteran and fought side by side with Theodore Roosevelt. Julius was the last of the family to live in this community. A few years ago he turned the farm over to his son, John, and moved to a farm in Bridgewater where he died. Two of his sons belong to St. Patrick's church, they are William and Rudolph. William married Miss Salina Tupa in 1928. Their children are Arlene and David. Rudolph (Dick) married Miss Katie Spartz in 1927. Their children are Rudolph, James and Carmen.

BIOGRAPHY

BOOK - RICE COUNTY FAMILIES. PUB. 1981 Wadekamper. In 1854, my grandfather and grandmother, Herman and Mary Oals Wadekamper, left Europe. Grandpa came on to Minnesota and homesteaded in Erin Township, after which Grandma and 2 children came to join him. They had 7 children. My father, Julius, was the youngest, born in 1870. After 5 years of carving a home out of the wilderness, Grandpa left Grandma and 4 small children on this farm to serve in the Civil War, coming home with a disability. About the same time the Wadekamps left Europe, John and Dora Bahme Abel left Germany and settled on a farm on the north shore of Circle Lake in Forest Township. They had 7 children, of which the 4th, Louisa, was my mother. Louisa Abel and Julius Wadekamper were married May 12, 1896, in Faribault. To this union were born Henry, John, Rudolph, Fred, William, Dora law, Evelyn Nadeau and Varian Gillen. All were born and lived to adulthood at the home Grandpa homesteaded, with the exception of Fred who died in infancy. As I look back at it today, I can appreciate that beautiful farm. In winter we skied on the best of ski runs, down hills, through woods, or cross-country, and one hill that gave us a jump-off. Spring was thrilling: water cascaded through the creeks and down the ravines, freezing in its place, providing us with sheer beauty. We enjoyed cooking maple syrup, finding the early flowers, and listening for the first croak of frogs in the pond. Summer was hot and long and filled with work. There were special events, too, 4th of July and an ice cream cone, the big threshing machine, with its flurry of activity, and the cooking. Summer was an endless time of business and always the dark, cool maple woods

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as a lovely retreat. In the fall the woods blazed with colors; so many things to gather in to finish the harvest, get everything ready so the animals would be comfortable for the winter. Chores had to be done morning and evening, and it was a half-mile walk to school. In winter we skied. Yet it seems to me there was a feeling of anticipation in the air. Winter was coming and there would be leisure time. In 1930 my parents moved to a farm in Bridgewater Township. My father died suddenly in the woods in 1936. Mother died in 1955. Henry died in 1945. John died in 1967.

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