

GERMAN UNION CEMETERY
THREE-GENERATION GENEALOGY

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Surname: **OALS**

Name: **MARY**

Middle Name If Any:

Gender: **FEMALE**

Date of Birth: **JANUARY 13, 1824**

Place of Birth: **GERMANY**

Date of Death: **JULY 10, 1888**

Place of Death:

Place of Burial: **GERMAN UNION CEMETERY – FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY –
MINNESOTA**

Plot Number: 22h

Married Name: **WADEKAMPER (HERMAN)**

Interred Name: **WADEKAMPER**

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. **HERMAN WADEKAMPER** born: JANUARY 1816

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**

Maiden Name: **OALS**

First Name: **MARY**

Middle Name or Initial:

News Paper:

Date:

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 Wadekampers 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 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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