

CHAPTER EIGHT

Our Families

**ADAMS, ROBERT**

Robert Adams the son of Donald and Lorna (Oldenburg) Adams was born on December 6, 1957. His parents were farmers in the Mapleton area. Robert is a Boiler Serviceman. He married Karma Lang who was born on July 8, 1962. Karma is the daughter of Clyde and Ruth (Thompson) Lang. She is from the Detroit Lakes area and is a social worker at the Mapleton Community Retirement Home, Mapleton, MN. Their children are Molly who was born on July 30, 1988, an eleventh grader, and Sam who was born on February 26, 1990, in the ninth grade at St. Clair Public School.

By Robert Adams

ALEXANDER, JOSEPH

Joseph Leonard Alexander (1806-1904) married Mary Myott (1825-1884) and had fourteen children. Mary was either 50 or 100% Indian. They lived in the Tivoli area near St. Clair. Joseph was a teacher in the Tivoli district and also the U.S. Indian Agent for the Winnebago Indians. One of his daughters, Hannah married Oddo Phelps and lived near Good Thunder. The Phelps family included 11 children, one of the daughters was Hollie Marie and she was my mother.

Another child of Joseph and Mary was Newell. Newell's son, Fred Alexander (1900-1992), married Bertha Timmerman (1903-1997). She was the daughter of John and Anna Timmerman. Fred and Bertha are buried in the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery at St. Clair.

Joseph was not a popular man, perhaps because of his

religion-Catholic, Scottish heritage, or his kinship with the Indians.

By Phil Forrey

ANDERSON, OSCAR

Oscar Anderson, the son of Christ and Lena Anderson, was born in 1887 in Jackson County, Heron Lake, Minnesota. He was a member of the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Board and was a farmer. On October 8, 1913, Oscar married Mary Kollos, the daughter of Clemens and Augusta Kollos, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Clair. Mary was born in 1894 in Le Ray Township. Mary belonged to the St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid. For many years she was a cook at St. Clair Public School. Oscar and Mary lived at 312 Front Street West. They had two children Harold (Verna Herzberg) and Evelyn (Alvin Bjornson). After they retired from farming in the mid 1940's they moved to St. Clair.

Oscar died in 1966 and Mary in 1981. They are buried in the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, St. Clair.

BAER, FREDRICK

Fredrick W. Baer was born on July 11, 1899, in Balaton, MN. On November 27, 1924, he married Augusta Buesing, the daughter of August and Anna (Beckman) Buesing, at Balaton, MN. Augusta was born on July 6, 1903.

Fred and Augusta farmed for several years in that area and in 1934 they moved to St. Clair. Fred worked at the Guaranteed Gravel and Sand Co. in Mankato for 25 years