



John Nicholas Loesch

John Loesch was born on April 18, 1889 in New Trier, Minnesota to Joseph Albert Loesch (1850-1910) and Anna Johanna Kummer Loesch (1848-1918). His parents farmed but both died by the time he was 21. In June of 1918, John enlisted in the US Army Student Training Corps (SATC) at Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota. During WWI, Dunwoody trained 8,683 men for military mechanical and technical positions including courses in radio telegraphy and aviation mechanics. Students were required to live and take all meals on campus. The men were all considered officially enlisted on the date they entered. It took several months to build these programs to meet the Army requirements. When they were

finally ready in October of 1918 the war abruptly ended on November 11th and orders were received to close all of the programs across the county, including Dunwoody. John was released on December 11, 1918 and returned home to help his brothers on the farm.

He married Bertha Catherine Wiederholt (1905-1986) on August 30, 1927 at St John's Catholic Church in New Trier. The couple moved to Evanston, Illinois where John worked as a building excavator and a truck driver for a moving company. He returned to Minnesota in 1942 and worked for the Hudson Manufacturing Company in Hastings until he retired. The family lived in Vermillion where he was Mayor. John had two sons, Harold and John Loesch that served in US Airforce in WWII. John died on January 14, 1951 in Hastings at the age of 61. He is buried at St John the Baptist Catholic Church Cemetery.